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SUBMARINE QUESTION IS AGAIN LOOMING UP AS A SERIOUS ISSUE

Germany Accepts Responsibility for Sinking of Liner Arabia Without Warning.

MISTOOK STATUS OF SHIP?

Submarine Commander is Said to Have Taken Vessel to be an Auxiliary Warship.

REGARDED A WEAK EXCUSE

Information Received Shows Ship Was Peaceable Vessel.

Washington, Dec. 7. — Germany's acceptance of responsibility for the sinking without warning of the British liner Arabia with the explanation that her submarine commander took the vessel for an auxiliary warship, has brought the issue over submarine warfare to a more serious and clear-cut basis than anything that has happened since the threat of the United States to break diplomatic relations after the torpedoing of the channel liner Sussex last April.

Such information as the American government now has shows the Arabia to have been a passenger ship of the Peninsular & Oriental Line, passing through the Mediterranean on a regular voyage.

Among the many passengers was an American citizen, who was rescued.

Would Express Regrets.

The German note, which was made public today by the State Department, says if official data is furnished showing that the vessel was an ordinary passenger steamer, "this then would be a case of regrettable mistake from which the German government would promptly draw the appropriate consequences." It is assumed here that the consequences would be an expression of regret and offer of reparation for any injury or danger suffered by the Americans on board.

The note has been referred to President Wilson who is considering personally a review of recent German submarine activities to which the Arabia case comes as a climax. There probably will be no prompt action, as the State Department first must clear up beyond question the exact status of the liner at the time of the attack. Then it will be for the President to decide the course to be followed.

Explanation Regarded Weak.

In official quarters the German explanation is regarded as weak and unsatisfactory, no weight being attached to the statements that the Arabia was painted like a transport and was following a route usually taken by transports, and that the submarine commander saw many Chinamen but no women and children aboard her. It is realized, however, that if official data finally establishes the innocent character of the vessel, in view of the Sussex case virtually only one action remains open to the United States, and that would not be taken until every possible consideration had been given Germany's position.

Much Anxiety Felt.

While Secretary Lansing himself refused all comment today beyond the mere publication of the note, it is known authoritatively that Germany's admission in the Arabia case, her similar admission in the Marina case, when six Americans were drowned, and the early facts in the sinking of the American steamer Chemung, have combined to create much anxiety. The temporary quietude in the submarine operations which followed the pledges in the Sussex case apparently has been dispelled and officials are recalling the belief then announced that submarine warfare is "utterly incompatible with the principles of humanity, the long-established and incontrovertible rights of neutrals and the sacred immunities of non-combatants."

FOR A "DRY" WASHINGTON

This Will be First Effort of Prohibition Leaders in Congress

Washington, Dec. 7.—First efforts of prohibition leaders in Congress at this session is to be directed toward making the national capital dry. The initial move will be made by Senator Sheppard, of Texas, and Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, will champion the measure from the Republican side.

FOUR VESSELS SUNK

One Danish and Norwegian Steamer and Danish Schooner Torpedoed.

London, Dec. 7.—The Danish steamer Haifdan, 1,307 tons; the Norwegian steamer Ella and the Danish schooner Marie have been sunk by submarines. The crews were landed. The Spanish steamer Gerona 403 tons is reported to have been sunk.

METHODISTS VOTE TO RAISE $100,000

Endowment Resolution Introduced by Rev. M. T. Plyler is Adopted by Conference.

UNIFICATION IS ENDORSED

Four Conference Boards to Appropriate $400 Each to Christian Advocate. One Preacher Quits Ministry—Questions Answered

(Special Star Telegram).

Durham, N. C., Dec. 7.—The adoption of a resolution authorizing the Joint Board of Finance to present a plan for the raising of $100,000 endowment fund for 1917 was the important act of the second day's sitting of the North Carolina Methodist Conference. The resolution was introduced by Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace church, of Wilmington, and had the unanimous endorsement of the assembly. Revs. N. H. D. Wilson and John H. Hall were joint signers with Mr. Plyler as author of the resolution.

The Wilmington district and churches occupied center of the stage in today's deliberations. Rev. M. T. Plyler introduced a resolution requesting the Conference to instruct the Boards of Missions, Sunday Schools, Education and Extension to subscribe $400 each to tide the Raleigh Christian Advocate over the exigency of high priced print newspaper. The fund thus raised would be $2,000. Other directors signing the resolution were Editor L. S. Massey and Rev. R. B. John.

Question 22—"Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"—was called and successfully passed in all the districts except the Wilmington charge. Presiding Elder L. E. Thompson, when asked this question responded, "Nothing except R. R. Jones has quit the ministry and left his work." He was ordered on the discontinued list. Bishop Kilgo rendered this dissertation on the unpleasant incident, "No place for anything except stalwart men. I am glad the time has come when preachers are pressed out who have not the iron to stay through."

Unification Endorsed.

Rev. L. S. Massey, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, presented a resolution, which was adopted, favoring the unification of the Southern and Northern branches of the Methodist church. The tentative plans as drawn up at the Oklahoma General Conference were sanctioned, wherein twenty-five men from each branch are to meet in Baltimore to perfect plans of unity. The resolution adopted here today said in part:

"The North Carolina Conference glories in the marvellous growth of its church and we rejoice that no set of men has done more to spread the scriptural teachings over the land. But the conditions of differences in Northern and Southern Methodism have passed away. It is a new day. We must rise to meet the new conditions."

The joint commission had the prayful solicitation of the conference that power might be granted its strong arm.

December 31 has been designated as a day in North Carolina when "Watch

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M'CORMICK IS GUEST AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Gives Dinner in Celebration of Victory.

Members of Democratic Committee and of the Progressive Committee, Including Two Women, In Attendance.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Praise for the man who managed his campaign was voiced by President Wilson tonight at a dinner given by him at the White House in honor of Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, to which were invited Democratic and Progressive campaign workers and their wives.

After dinner the President made a brief speech in appreciation of the activities of the campaign leaders, and in turn proposed toasts to Mr. McCormick, Senator Walsh, Western Democratic manager, and Bainbridge Colby, of New York, member of the advisory campaign committee of Progressives.

Senator Walsh, Chairman McCormick and Mr. Colby responded with brief speeches congratulating the President and each other on the successful outcome of the campaign.

In addition to Mr. McCormick the diners included Homer C. Cummins, vice chairman; Carter Glass, secretary; Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer; Senator

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GREAT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Baptist State Convention Will Close Today One of the Best Sessions Ever Held.

TO MEET NEXT IN DURHAM

Missions Theme of Discussions Yesterday, Dr. Mullins Featuring—Heroic Statue of J. H. Mills to be Erected at Thomasville.

(By Rev. W. M. Gilmore).

Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 7.—The present session of the Baptist State Convention, which closes Friday noon, though not so largely attended as others, 345 delegates, will go down in history as one of its very best sessions yet —an epoch making session.

It meets next year in Durham. Rev. Bruce Benton, Rockingham, was appointed to preach the convention sermon, or his alternate, Rev. R. A. McFarland, Scotland Neck. The entertainment will be on the Harvard plan as for the past two years. North Wilkesboro made a strong fight for the next session of the convention.

The movement launched by which the Baptist hosts of the State are to gird their loins for a great educational campaign to be under the direction of the Board of Education, the trustees of Wake Forest, Meredith and Chowan Colleges, one representative from each of the high schools, together with Walter N. Johnson, Raleigh; B. C. Henning, Elizabeth City; D. L. Gore, Wilmington; W. M. Vines, Charlotte, and W. H. Weatherspoon, Laurinburg, is considered the most important action of the convention.

Missions, in its various phases, has been the theme of all the discussions today. Dr. J. F. Love, Richmond, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, spoke on the "Supreme Necessity of Baptists Greatly Enlarging their Mission Programme." Dr. T. W. O'Kelly, Raleigh, was elected the State vice-president of the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Louis B. Warren, of Atlanta, represented the Home Mission Board.

The convention adopted the recommendation of the Board of Missions, that it lay out its work for next year on a basis of $140,000 to be raised by April 30, 1917. Of this amount $55,000 is for foreign missions, $37,500 is for home missions and $47,500 for State missions. The board was also authorized to re-organize its office force so that complete systematic records of all contributions can be kept.

The outstanding feature of today's programme, as it has been of each day, was the masterly address of President Mullins, of the Louisville Seminary, on "A Worthy Baptist Programme."

Secretary E. L. Middleton, B. W. Spilman and W. C. Barrett represented the Sunday school work.

Secretary J. D. Moore represented the Baptist Young People's work.

Rev. J. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, made an eloquent appeal for woman's work.

Rev. Baylus Cade, of Lenoir, offered a resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote of the convention, that a statue in heroic bronze of John Haynes Mills be erected upon the grounds of the Thomasville Orphanage, of which he was the founder and general manager for many years.

The statue is to have two figures, representing Mr. Mills standing erect and holding a shield over the head of a desolate child. The committee to whom this matter was entrusted is T. J. Taylor, Warrenton; E. F. Aydlett, Elizabeth City; Chas. E. Brewer, Raleigh; Gilbert Stephenson, Winston-Salem; Judge E. W. Timberlake, Wake Forest, and Livingston Johnson, Rocky Mount.

The Laymen's Movement was the

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NEW YORK CITY WILL BID FOR CONVENTION

Wants Southern Commercial Congress to Meet There in 1917.

Advance Guard of Delegates From the Metropolis Reach Norfolk—Several Southern Cities Also to Make Bids.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 7.—Upon the arrival here today of the advance guard of the New York delegates to the eighth annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress, which meets here December 11, headed by W. S. McKean, of the Merchants' Association, it was announced that a determined effort is to be made to capture the 1917 convention for New York City. Members of the delegation already here have letters from Mayor Mitchell and Governor Whitman inviting the congress there.

As several Southern cities also have announced their candidacy, there promises to be a spirited contest when the matter is taken up officially. Delegates to the convention and the meeting of the House of Southern Governors will number several thousand, sixteen Southern states being represented.

Secretaries Daniels and Redfield, John Skelton Williams, W. P. G. Harding, Frank A. Vanderlip, J. Hampton

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FURTHER LIMIT ON TRADE WITH RUSSIA

New Restrictions Placed on American Shipments Through Sweden by Great Britain.

PROBABLY A RETALIATION

Step is Believed to be the Outcome of Conflict in Trade Policies Followed by England, Russia and Sweden.

Washington, Dec. 7.—New restrictions on American trade with Russia were announced today by the British embassy in a circular setting forth conditions to govern shipments passing through the blockade lines into Sweden, through which country most American exports to Russia are handled. Aside from goods destined for the Russian government, only 34 commodities can be sent to Russia under the regulations and rigid conditions must be complied with before letters of assurance for the shipments will be issued.

The step is believed here to be the outcome of a conflict in the trade policies heretofore followed by Great Britain, Russia and Sweden, and is understood to have as its object the limitation of Russia's imports through Sweden to necessities, particularly war goods. Sweden, smarting under the British blockade and rationing measures, is said to have taken steps to retaliate which resulted in the more stringent regulations announced today.

List of Goods.

The list of goods for which the British embassy will issue letters of assurance to American exporters to Russia and Finland, includes the following, for which such assurances are given under the present regulations:

Binoculars, medicaments and thermometers, sulphur tartaric and citric acids, dyes, varnishes, photographic plates, phosophor, machinery, except lathes, carbonate of ammonia, blue copperas (sulphate of copperas); vegetable seeds, paraffin, oils, tar, wax, colophany (rosin); American cotton, salt and rice.

The remaining articles on the list have not been subject to such regulations before, and officials are uncertain what will be the effect of their inclusion in the group which may be shipped under letters of assurance. Most of them are produced from raw material, usually exported from Great Britain. They are: Metals, except lead, rubber, leather, castor oil, graphite, jute sacks, wool, twine, shellac, cocoanuts Egyptian cotton, woolen materials, and pepper.

Letters of assurance will be granted only if the goods are consigned to the Aktiebolaget Transito, Stockholm, which arranges all Swedish transit licenses.

STRENGTHENS DEMAND FOR THE AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM

One of Results of Election Frauds Probe in Buncombe County.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 7.—Asheville politicians, in company with the greater portion of Asheville's citizenship, are of the opinion that the investigation into alleged election frauds in this county has come to a definite stop, for this year at least. That a commission will be appointed to carry on further probe of the alleged use of money and other illegal practices in the recent election is regarded as unlikely.

The probe did some good, at least, and served, in a way, to demonstrate that there are some men in the county who are interested enough in dodging such investigation to remain away from homes and businesses for several days. It has also given a decided impetus to the demand of the people of this county that their representatives in the General Assembly work for the passage of a bill requiring the use of the Australian ballot in this State.

RETIRE DISABLED FEDERAL JUDGES AT THE AGE OF 70.

Hoke Smith's Bill Passes the Senate by Party Vote of 33 to 25.

Washington, Dec. 7.—By a party vote of 33 to 25 the Senate today passed Senator Hoke Smith's bill authorizing the President to appoint an additional Federal circuit judge in any district where the incumbent has reached the age of 70, has served ten years and is suffering from mental or physical disability of a permanent character.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BILL.

First Administration Measure to be Taken Up by House Saturday.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first of the administration measures to be considered in the House at this session, the vocational education bill, will come up Saturday. It would provide aid for state schools teaching agriculture, trades and industries to boys and girls under 14, the states being required to make appropriations from their own funds equivalent to the amounts they received from the Federal government.

CARDINAL MERCIER "IMPRISONED"

Is Said to be Confined to His Palace by German Authorities.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 7.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is confined to his palace by the German authorities, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf, who says he hears this on good authority. The reason given is the action taken by the cardinal against the deportation of Belgians.

RUMANIAN ARMIES EAST OF BUCHAREST STILL FALLING BACK ALL ALONG THE LINE

Russian Attacks Against Austro-Germans Fail to Make Any Impression—Artillery Doing Greater Portion of Work on the Various War Fronts—Explanation of Military Action of Greeks Demanded by Allied Ministers.

The Rumanian army at last reports was still falling back all along the line east of Bucharest from the Transylvanian Alps to the Danube. Just where it will stop and, with its Russian allies, make a stand against the Teutonic Allies, has not yet become apparent. On the Moldavian west frontier and farther north along the Bukowina border the Russian attacks against the Austro-German forces have failed to make any impression.

An official communication from Berlin says that Bucharest was captured without any fighting except by the Rumanian infantry north and west of the capital. This resistance was quickly overcome, it is stated, and the invaders entered the town from all sides, being received enthusiastically by the populace and decorated with flowers.

Aside from Rumania the greatest interest still is centered in the political crisis in Great Britain. David Lloyd-George has formally accepted from the king the post of prime minister and first lord of the treasury, a fact which is considered as indicating that he will be able speedily to form a ministry. The probable make-up of the cabinet has not been announced.

On none of the fronts is a sanguinary battle in progress. For the most part the artillery wings of the belligerent armies are doing the greater portion of the work. Berlin reports that the Bulgarians have forced back the British in the Struma river lowlands near Seres in Macedonia, and that the Bulgarians and Germans have compelled the evacuation by the Serbs of positions they had previously captured near Trnovo, in the Cerna river sector.

West of Lutsk, in Volhynia, the Teutonic Allies have captured Russian positions and successfully withstood counter attacks.

The Vienna war office reports that the Italians, after a vigorous bombardment, launched two attacks on the Carso front of the Austro-Italian theatre but that both of them were repulsed.

Artillery duels and exploits by raiding parties continue on the fronts in Belgium and France. The Germans and French are engaged in a spirited artillery battle in the region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, where the Germans Wednesday gained some ground.

An explanation of the military activity of the Greeks has been demanded by the British, French, Italian and Russian ministers at Athens, according to an unofficial dispatch.

WILL PROCLAIM BLOCKADE OF THE PORTS OF GREECE

Paris, Dec. 7.—The official journal will publish tomorrow a decree proclaiming a blockade of Greek ports.

BRITISH RANCHMAN SHOT BY BANDITS

Was Killed on His Ranch Near San Pablo de Mecqui, Says Message Reaching Border.

AMERICAN MINER HANGED

Murder of Howard Gray, at Parral, Confirmed by Foreigners at El Paso—Carranza Soldiers' Ears Cut Off.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 7.—Guillermo Snyman, a son of the late Gen. W. D. Snyman, of Boer war fame, was shot and killed by Villa bandits at his ranch near San Pablo de Mecqui, according to a message received by his friends on the border today.

Snyman was the owner of a big alfalfa ranch near Mecqui, between Santa Rosalia and Chihuahua City. His father died recently in Philadelphia, where another son lives. Snyman was said to have been a British subject.

Howard Gray, an American mining man, was hanged at Parral by Villa bandits when they entered that town November 5, according to a private telegram received here, and later substantiated by two foreigners from that place. Other Americans there were reported to be safe and it was said American property had not been harmed.

Government agents here today reported to Washington today that an American hacienda superintendent named Foster, had been mutilated and then burned at the stake by Villa bandits operating near Torreon. The report was brought to the border by refugees ,who also said they had seen 60 Carranza soldiers near Torreon whose ears had been cut off by the bandits. They added that Foster's son had witnessed his father's execution.

Villa ordered the Palmillo Mills of the Alvarado Mining & Milling Company's plant, at Parral, dynamited after an effort had been made to operate it, arrivals here today said. Jose Ynez Salazar, Villa's second in command, protested and they were closed down.

These refugees said one of the three Iwonsky brothers who are Germans, was arrested and taken to the military headquarters of Villa but was later released.

SAYS HOWARD GRAY WAS UNDOUBTEDLY HER BROTHER

Emporia, Kas., Dec. 7.—Mrs. L. G. Webster, of Emporia, said tonight that the Howard Gray, reported killed in Mexico, undoubtedly was her brother.

"My brother went to Mexico 30 years ago," she said. "He was superintendent of the shipping department of the Alvarado Mining & Milling Company and frequently quantities of silver ore and bars were secreted on his ranch. It must have been that he was murdered to get possession of this silver."

BREMEN LOST IN STORM?

President Lohmann, of Ocean Navigation Company, Makes Statement.

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 7.—From a statement made by Alfred Lohmann, president of the board of directors of the German Ocean Navigation Company, in which he declined to say anything about the German merchant submarine Bremen except that the vessel was neither torpedoed nor captured, the Cologne Gazette infers that the Bremen was lost during a storm in the Atlantic.

TAFT ADDRESSES N. C. NEWSPAPER MEN

Traces Development of America as a World Power and Points out Some Dangers

IN FOREIGN RELATIONSHIPS

Says There is a Liability in Them Which We Ought to Consider—Monroe Doctrine Demands Force Back of It, He Says.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 7.—Hon. William Howard Taft today traced the development of America as a world power and pointed out some of the dangers besetting these world relationships in an address before the State newspaper men gathered here.

"There is a liability in our foreign relationships which we ought to consider," he said, after reviewing America's growth from a small nation nearly isolated in Washington's administration to a great nation with tremendous responsibilities and many points of contact with other nations. He showed from the purchase of Alaska to the present Mexican situation our foreign relations had become more and more involved until now the United States had to have adequate preparation to meet the emergencies that might arise. Mr. Taft spoke of the Philippines, of Cuba, of Mexico, "our international nuisance," and showed how each gave us greater responsibilities.

The Monroe Doctrine in itself demands force back of it, Mr. Taft said. In pleading for adequate preparedness, he stated his belief that "the nation has been led into a position where we are now making reasonable preparation. But not all changes have been made that we need to make."

In conclusion, Mr. Taft argued for a league of nations to enforce peace after the war is over. He agreed with President Wilson that the "position of a neutral in a modern great war is almost unbearable."

TAFT DELIVERS SPEECH AS DINNER GUEST IN RALEIGH

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—Insisting that the United States government must, in order to anything like adequately meet the responsibilities that devolve on this country, espouse the cause of the international readjustment following the great world war proposed by the League to Enforce Peace, Former President William H. Taft, as a dinner guest with more than 100 citizens this afternoon, spoke especially on the subject: "After the War, Then What?"

The burden of his speech was especially the part that the United States should play in the world readjustment following the war.

Features of the League to Enforce Peace recounted by Mr. Taft were an international court, commission of conciliation, machinery for enforcing observance of compact and decrees of court and commission, and international congresses for enactment of international laws. Mr. Taft believes the undertaking of the league to be entirely constitutional and that it is the best solution of future peace problems. He agreed with President Wilson that America could scarcely remain out of another such world war as the present one and that an agreement such as the League proposes between the leading nations of the world would most surely avert another world war disaster.

Mr. Taft was the guest of the Raleigh chamber of commerce for a dinner in his honor.

HIGH PRICES DUE TO SOME EXTENT TO SPECULATION

Federal Investigation Points With Increasing Directness to This Conclusion.

BELIEVED TO BE CRIMINAL

Special Attention Now Being Given to Alleged Manipulation in Coal "Corner."

Washington, Dec. 7.—Information gathered from many sources by government officials conducting the nation-wide inquiry into the high cost of living pointed with increasing directness tonight to the conclusion that the soaring prices of certain necessities of life were due, to some extent, at least, to the manipulators of food and other speculators who had combined to force quotations upward.

These combinations are believed by the government investigators to have been criminal in character, rather spasmodic and rather short lived.

Special attention is being given just now to alleged price manipulation in the so-called coal corner, which recently resulted in sending prices to a panic level. Investigation of the high prices of coal, hardly yet begun, has already convinced some officials that there was no warrant whatever for $12 coal in Boston and New York other than the activity of these alleged combinations. Whether men who profited most can be punished under Federal laws is said to be still under consideration.

Every Federal agency with even a remote relation to the situation was called to play its part in the investigation. A mass of material has poured into the Attorney General's office, all of which will be studied and utilized where available.

At the same time officials made clear their conviction that no small part of the rise in prices was due to natural economic causes. These include the international balance of trade and the amount of currency in circulation, having a direct bearing on the situation, although not generally understood.

United States Attorney Anderson, of Boston, in charge of the inquiry, today conferred with officials in the departments of Justice, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor and had a long conference with Chairman Meyer of the Interstate Commerce Commission with reference to interstate shipments of coal. Mr. Anderson shortly will visit Chicago, where a Federal grand jury is conducting an inquiry, and hopes to visit Detroit, Cleveland, Kansas City and Minneapolis.

Present activities of the department's investigation are understood to center about Chicago. Trade boards, butter and eggs exchanges, produce, sugar, coffee and other food exchanges, it was authoritatively advanced, have not been investigated.

Primarily the general investigation by the government will be confined to foodstuffs and coal, it is said, but if leads are uncovered indicating that other commodities, such as leather and clothing, are affected, they will be followed.

The investigation has shown, say officials, that flour would be much higher were it not for the unusually large hold-over of wheat from last year's crop. The advance in the price of beans—nearly 300 per cent in some instances—is said to have followed unusually large shipments of canned beans to Belgium by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. Butter has advanced to a price to which it might normally be expected to advance, but eggs are said to be unwarrantably high.

Eggs in 193 storages reporting December 1, amounted to 1,794,740 cases, compared with 2,787,802 cases in the same establishments a year ago. Holdings of creamery butter in 189 storages totaled 58,627,236 pounds, against 71,848,767 pounds on December 1, 1915. The indicated decrease in holdings during the month of November was 40.6 for eggs and 23.9 per cent for butter.

REPUBLICANS SPENT $97,285

Democrats in West Virginia Spent Only $8,220 in Recent Campaign.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 7.—The total expenditure of the West Virginia Republican executive committee during the recent campaign totalled $97,285, while those of the Democratic state committee were $8,220, or about $70 more than the total contributions, according to statements filed with the secretary of the state here today by the treasurers of both organizations. The Republican report showed that 372 contributions were received, the Republican National Committee giving $26,000.

TWO STRIKERS CONVICTED.

Motormen Found Guilty of Dynamiting Street Car in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Dec. 7.—J. L. Wilson, a striking motorman, was convicted by a jury in the superior court here late today of dynamiting a street car on November 7, last, in which several persons were injured. The jury recommended mercy. J. R. Gunter, another striking motorman, was convicted on a similar charge last night and a sealed verdict opened in court this morning. The men will be sentenced tomorrow.

DANIELS URGES FUNDS FOR 24 NEW WARSHIPS

Says People Must Not Now Think the Navy is Big Enough.

In Report to Congress He Says Until Other Nations Reduce Their Armament Our Sea Power Must Be Increased.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Until all nations agree to reduce their armament, the United States must continue to increase its naval power, Secretary Daniels declares in his annual report, made public tonight, and which urges that funds be appropriated at once to begin building 42 additional ships.

"I feel it my duty to warn as solemnly as I may," the Secretary says after reciting the huge expenditures for the Navy authorized at the last session of Congress, "against the danger that lies in a possible feeling on the part of our people that the Navy has now been attended to, has been placed where it belongs, among the great navies of the world, and there is nothing further to be done. Complacent retrospection is the father of dry rot. We have made a magnificent beginning, but that it must not be forgotten by the public that the same intelligent appreciation of our needs, the same willingness to provide for these needs, must be shown this year and every succeeding year if we are to finish what we have commenced."

Secretary Daniels recalls that the 1917 appropriation bill carries provision for a possible limitation of armament agreement.

"I earnestly hope the time is not far distant when this act of Congress will result in such an agreement," he continues, "and that the nations of earth will have the statesmanship to devise effective means of preserving the world's peace without constantly building ever increasing dreadnaughts at ever increasing cost. Until that hour arrive the United States cannot safely adopt any policy other than that of continuing the policy of steadily increasing its naval strength."

Policy of Adequate Navy

Picturing the result of construction now contemplated, Secretary Daniels says the main fighting elements of the fleet, completed and in commission in 1921, will be 27 dreadnaughts of the first line, supported by six battle cruisers, 25 second line battleships, 13 scout cruisers, 108 destroyers, 12 fleet submarines and 130 coast defense submersibles. While there is no possibility of predicting what rank among the naval powers the country will then take, he adds, the authorization of such a programme has been accepted as assurance that the United States has definitely embarked on the policy of building an adequate Navy.

The Secretary devoted much attention to discussion of the problems encountered by the department in getting the new ships laid down. Building facilities and skilled labor are lacking, he says, and the programme he has recommended for 1918, featured by three battleships and one battle cruiser, will tax private and public plants to their utmost even with the increased building equipment authorized for Navy yards. It was for that reason, the Secretary adds, that he did not follow the general board's recommendation and urge that the four of the six remaining battleships of the three year program and both of the battle cruisers be laid down at once.

The board states in its report accompanying that of the Secretary, that its information as to building facilities indicates the 1918 programme outlined could be built. It also recommends the addition of 12 mine sweepers, one supply ship and two seagoing tugs to the total of the 156-ship three-year programme.

Department's Difficulties.

Secretary Daniels indicates clearly the difficulties faced by the department, however, in the following language:

"The last naval bill does not give to the department any additional or extraordinary powers in connection with the placing of contracts for these vessels or in obtaining materials for their construction. It is hoped that the necessity will not arise of having to ask for such powers, as a number of ship builders and manufacturers have shown an attitude of willingness to assist the department in meeting the unusual situation created by the desire of the country to commence and to expedite an entirely unprecedented naval program at a time when the industrial resources of the country are already taxed to their utmost capacity in meeting the demands of tremendous trade activity, both domestic and foreign, in every branch of business. It may be necessary, however, for Congress to enact legislation of that character to insure the early completion of the programme of construction."

The report touches briefly on many activities of the Navy Department and commends highly the new organization and co-ordination that is being effected by Admiral Benson, chief of operations. In addition to the report of the general board, a full statement by Admiral Benson is appended, showing the rapid progress being made in every line of development. The most disappointing feature of the year, according to the general board and Admiral Benson, has been the slow progress with development of naval aircraft.

PROHIBITION SPEAKER COMING

Rev. R. L. Davis to Speak Twice Here Next Sunday.

Wilmington will have two opportunities of hearing Rev. R. L. Davis, president of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, next Sunday. Mr. Davis will occupy the pulpit at Grace Methodist church in the morning and will be at Fifth Avenue Methodist church in the evening.

In his addresses here Mr. Davis will outline the legislative plans of the league, which are to be laid before the General Assembly at its next session. He will also touch on the work that will be done to bring about nation-wide prohibition.

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METHODISTS VOTE TO RAISE $100,000

(Continued From Page One).

Night" will be observed. Ministers will refer to the cause from their pulpits.

Answering Question 6—"Who are received by transfer from other conferences"—Bishop Kilgo announced the reception into the North Carolina Conference of J. K. Proctor, by transfer from the West Oklahoma conference.

In answer to Question 7—"Who are received from other churches as local preachers?"—W. A. Hobstetter, a preacher from the Free Will Baptist church, having subscribed to the requirements, was received into the conference as a local preacher.

Answering Question 12—"What local preachers are elected deacons?"—no one was elected.

Answering Question 14—"What traveling preachers are elected elders?"—the following named traveling preachers, having passed the examination of character and the committee on examinations, were elected elders: T. W. Lee, J. L. Midgett, B. B. Slaughter, H. C. Smith, N. M. Wright, G. B. Perry, E. D. Dodd, W. V. McRae, N. B. Strickland, W. W. Hester, M. W. Dargan, J. E. Blalock. One other member of this class, N. M. McDonald, passed the examination of character but, not having past the committee on examination, was continued in the class of the fourth year.

Two Elected Elders.

In answer to Question 16—"What local preachers are elected elders?"—F. S. Aldridge, from the Durham district, and R. L. Beasley, from the Rockingham district, having been recommended by the presiding elders of these districts, were elected elders.

Minute Question 5 was called—"Who are re-admitted?" In answer to the question S. A. Nettles, a local preacher from the South Carolina conference, was re-admitted to the traveling connection as a member of the North Carolina Conference.

"Who remain on trial?" was asked and the following named, having passed the examination of character and the committee on examination, were advanced to the class of the second year: H. E. Myers, W. Maness, W. C. Benson, I. T. Poole, B. Humble, M. F. Hodges.

Dr. Massey Re-Elected.

Dr. L. S. Massey was re-elected editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. A number of ministers received complimentary votes. M. T. Plyler, of Wilmington, received the greatest number of complimentary votes.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate; President S. B. Turrentine, of Greensboro College for Women, and Dr. John R. Stuart, of Nashville, were presented to the conference.

As secretary of the endowment fund for superannuated ministers, Dr. Stuart reported an available fund of $400,000 for this purpose. The total assets of the fund approximate one-half million dollars.

Dr. John R. Stuart Heard.

The afternoon address was delivered by Dr. John R. Stuart in which he decried the poor support accorded worn-out preachers by Methodism. He described the scanty support as a reproach on the church and said it should be mended for the sake of humanity if not for justice. The United States government pays its retired naval officers $2,250 yearly, while the ministers' pension ranges from $150 to $200 a year. The government doesn't pay too much but the church gives too little.

"The reproach is on our church whose methods are unbusiness-like," he said. "There's too little regard for justice, fairness and right which should underlie all actions.

"Of the nine denominational churches that agreed to give $50,000,000 for retired ministers, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has pledged $5,000,000. The Northern branch of the Methodist church has given $7,000,000; the Methodist Protestant $4,000,000, and the Congregational $4,000,000. It is our inherent right to care for our ministry. The man who gives his life to the ministry demands our support. It is a part of the work of our ministry to care for the superannuated preachers."

Epworth League Board.

That 75 per cent of the members of the church are inactive was the estimate ventured by Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, pastor of the Elizabeth City Methodist church, in an address tonight before the Epworth League Board of the North Carolina Conference. The church is more successful in enlisting members for its church register than shaping them into Christ-like characters, said the minister. He thought the great task of the future is to take the rank and file and make something out of them.

Self help, recreation for the playful activity of the child, and learn to do things by doing them, were some of the remedies he offered.

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Mistook Traveling Man For Robber

FUSILLADE OF SHOTS FIRED WITHOUT EFFECT AT FRIGHTENED INNOCENT VICTIM OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

(By Lond Distance Telephone).

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 7.—The robbery of the provision warehouse of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son, near the depot here tonight, and the subsequent mistaken identity of a traveling man who happened to be passing soon after officers and a posse arrived at the scene, afforded no little excitement for a short time. The real thief apparently escaped with a wagon load of loot, while the traveling man got away on the first train with about the worst fright it usually falls to the lot of man to experience.

Of the goods stolen by the thief 10 bags of flour, two bags of ship stuff, one bag of coffee and other provisions were recovered where the thief left it when the excitement started. Early in the night one man was seen at work at the warehouse and instead of trying to stop him, the party who saw him quietly went for officers. The thief had unlocked the door and again re-locked it when he had secured a load for his wagon or cart.

When the officers arrived, accompanied by several others, the thief had disappeared but a stranger who was passing and appeared to have come out of the building with something on his shoulder, was mistaken for the thief. When Chief McLeod ordered him to stop, as he afterwards explained, he thought he was about to be held up, and he immediately "broke and ran." Chief McLeod fired at him twice, the man falling at the second shot. He soon regained his feet, however, and slipped into high gear sure enough, when Officer Boyle began shooting at him. At this stage of the very interesting proceedings, the large crowd which had gathered seemed armed to the man and everyone began shooting.

When the man was finally overtaken, he was recognized as a traveling man for some Northern house and explained that he thought an effort was being made to hold him up, as he had several hundred dollars on his person belonging to the firm he represents. He took the risk of being shot rather than being held up. He was not hit by a single shot of the fusillade and left on the first train tonight. The real robber, which no one could say was white or black, seems to have made his escape.

MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Wins Discuss Subject of Passage of Uniform Bond Act by Legislature.

Mayor P. Q. Moore and City Attorney Robert Ruark left last night for Raleigh, where they will attend a conference of the mayors of some 15 or more cities of North Carolina, which will be held there today.

The object of the meeting is to make some plans to have a general bond applicable to all cities of the State passed at the approaching session of the Legislature, which convenes in January. Governor Locke Craig and Governor-Elect T. W. Bickett are both expected to make addresses at the conference of the mayors.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at The Orton yesterday were: E. F. Elwell, Raleigh; A. R. Dunning, J. L. Wynne, Williamston; Geoge Armstrong, Burgaw; A. F. Doane, Beaufort; Bruce Clarke, Greenville.

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LEGISLATORS ALREADY ARE SELECTING SEATS

Some Big Problems to be Worked Out by General Assembly.

Speakership an Interesting Topic—Session Opens January 3—Supreme Court Files Opinions—Seven New Corporations.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 7.—Seats are being rapidly engaged now by members-elect of the 1917 General Assembly to convene January 3. Numbers of the members of the House and Senate are coming to Raleigh in person to have a look at the diagram of the two legislative chambers to select the available seat they most prefer. Others are having reservations made through personal friends among the State offices.

Probably the biggest legislative problems to be worked out will be the general acts that must be passed to put into operation the constitutional amendments for the local control of municipal and county affairs and the appointment of emergency judges. Considerable advance will be asked in State prohibition regulations and there will be sharp contests as to these issues. The constitutional amendments go into effect January 10 and the enactment of the general bills to put them in force will take place thereafter. The first seven days of the Legislature will be open for legislation without reference to the amendments and their legislative limitations.

The speakership of the House is an absorbing topic with much speculation as to the standing of the candidates, who are Walter Murphy, Salisbury; H. A. Page, Aberdeen, and Gallatin Roberts, Asheville. A gentleman here very active in public affairs claims that a careful canvass of the representatives throughout the State shows 47 votes pledged to Murphy, 12 to Page and nine to Roberts. These figures are not accepted by friends of either Page or Roberts and it is really very hard to arrive at a definite and dependable estimate of the strength of the three candidates for the place. Other candidates may develop before the Legislature assembles. Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, generally recognized as the "balance wheel" of the assembly, in the numerous sessions he has attended, is coming back to the House, but will not seek the speakership.

Seven New Corporations.

Charters were issued today for seven new corporations as follows:

The Elizabeth Mills Co., of Charlotte, capital $225,000 authorized and $50,000 subscribed by W. C. Wilkinson, Charlotte; C. B. Armstrong and A. G. Myers, of Gastonia, for general textile manufacturing business.

The Gambrill & Melville Mills Co., of Wilmington, Del., domesticated, $200,000 and $1,000 subscribed capital.

The Catawba Trust Co., of Hickory, capital $25,000 authorized and $25,000 subscribed by George E. Ransom, E. L. Shuford and others for a general trust business.

The F. W. McKay Co., of Duke, capital $50,000 authorized and $3,000 subscribed, by F. W. McKay and others, general merchandise.

The Burnside Fish and Farm Products Co., of Manteo, capital $20,000 authorized and $2,000 subscribed by A. W. Majette, S. A. Griffin and others.

The S. J. Wilton Co., of Elizabeth City, capital $15,000 authorized and $2,200 subscribed by S. J. Wilton and others for an undertaking business.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Fourteen appeals were disposed of this afternoon by the Supreme court, one of special importance being State vs Anderson Tankersley, Rowan, in which Engineer Tankersley was under sentence of four months for criminal negligence that caused the wreck of the 1915 Thanksgiving train at Salisbury in which Lieutenant Governor Max Gardner and others were seriously injured. The court finds that there was utter absence of proof that the accident could have resulted from anything that Tankersley did or failed to do. The case is therefore directed to be dismissed.

No error is found in the conviction and death sentence of Frank Foster for the killing of John Hayes in Polk county. The full list of opinions follows:

Sanders vs Ragan, Guilford, no error; State vs Tankersley, Rowan, action dismissed; State vs Foster, Polk, no error; Teeter vs Southern Express Co. and Southern Railway, Cabarrus, error; Kluts vs Kluts, Rowan, new trial; Cook vs Jerome, Rowan, no error; Blake vs Shields, Montgomery, affirmed; Smith vs Hopper, Cleveland, affirmed; Miller vs Garner, Randolph, no error; Bradshaw vs Bank, Mitchell, appeal dismissed; Railway Co. vs Accident Co., McDowell, affirmed; Garland vs C. C. & O. Railway, Yancey, no error; Huntley vs McBrayer, Rutherford, no error; State vs Klingman, Guilford, motion for new trial denied.

EPSTEIN CASE EXPECTED TO GO TO THE JURY TODAY

Evidence All in, Counsel Arrange Order for Argument.

(Special Star Telegram).

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—The jury selected to try the Epstein case, in which Hyman Epstein is charged with the killing of Leonard Edwards, and who is now being tried for his life in Superior court, will probably get the case Friday afternoon, the evidence being declared all in at the afternoon session of court today, and during a brief recess counsel arranged the order in which argument will be presented Friday.

CAR RUNS OVER NEGRO

Fatal Accident on A. C. L. Yards at Goldsboro Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram).

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—Today while engaged in assisting the manager, D. C. Sherard, to move an oil tank car into the yard near the A. C. L. freight depot, the former using a crowbar for that purpose, Tony Davis, colored, who was placed at the other end to check the car when it should reach the desired position, slipped and fell across the rail, and the heavy car ran over him midway his body. A report from the hospital tonight says that he cannot possibly recover and will in all probability live only a few hours longer.

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(advertisement.)

WOULD FIX RAILROAD RATES BY NEW METHOD

Commerce Commission Recommends Sweeping Changes.

Would No Longer Compel Shippers to Show a Proposed Rate Unreasonable—Carriers Would Have to Prove It Reasonable.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report today to Congress recommended a sweeping change in methods of establishing freight and passenger rates so that shippers would no longer be compelled to show a proposed rate unreasonable or see it become effective. Carriers seeking to alter a rate would be compelled to show the change was reasonable.

The recommendation is "that by statute Congress fix the interstate rates, fares, charges, classifications, rules and regulations existing at a specific date, prior to that of enactment, as just and reasonable for the past, and provide that no change therein after that specified date may be made except upon order of the commission; with provision that such statute shall not affect the proceedings pending at the time of enactment."

The purpose of the suggestion is said to be mainly to correct flaws in the present method by which an injured shipper seeks reparation for payment of a higher rate than subsequently is approved by the Commission.

It was said, however, that the effect of such legislation would be radical upon methods of rate establishment. At present tariffs proposing rate changes filed by the railroads become operative on a fixed date unless suspended by the Commission and shown on hearing to be unreasonable, unjust or discriminatory. If existing rates are declared by statute to be just and reasonable, it was pointed out, the burden will be on those who wish to change them.

"The necessity for flexibility in order to fairly meet rapidly changing industrial and commercial conditions," says the report in this connection, "is fully recognized, but the soundness of the theory of leaving each carrier free to initiate its own rates and thus investing each of them with the power to overthrow or seriously disturb an adjustment that is recognized as reasonable and fair by the overwhelming majority of the carriers and shippers interested therein, may well be doubted.

"All rates, fares and charges have been open to complaint for a period of more than 10 years, within which the Commission had power to fix the future maximum rates. For a period of more than six years all proposed increased rates have been subject to protest and suspension before becoming effective. Obviously there should come a time when as to the past the general level of the rates and the relationship of rates should be fixed as reasonable.

"The adoption of such a plan as this would make it possible to apply the energies expended upon rate controversies in the direction of constructive work for the future instead of expending them upon controversies as to reparation for the past, with every probability that in a majority of the cases the one who ultimately bore the charge will never be reached by the reparation."

JOE HALLOW SHOT PROBABLY FATALLY BY CHARLIE FARFOUR

No Cause Assigned for Shooting Affair in Goldsboro.

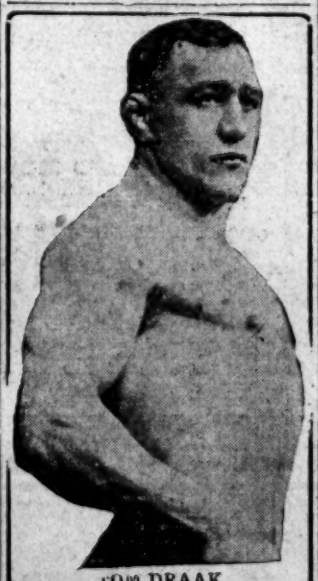
(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—This afternoon about 3 o'clock Charlie Farfour shot and, it is thought tonight, fatally wounded Joe Hallow, in the store of his brother-in-law, with whom Hallow was employed as a clerk. Tonight no reason can be learned for the shooting, only that it may have been the act of a crazy man, as it is said Charlie Farfour had been acting queerly of late. He is the brother of George Farfour, a prominent merchant of this city.

DR. M'CLURE AT CALYPSO

Pastor of St. Andrew's Conducting Evangelistic Services This Week.

Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrek's Presbyterian church, is at Calypso this week and is assisting Rev. Dr. J. W. Purcell in a series of evangelistic services at the Presbyterian church there. Dr. Purcell is pastor of a group of Presbyterian churches in that vicinity. The attendance at the Calypso meetings is good and Dr. McClure is preaching some inspiring sermons, according to reports received here. He will be there through next Sunday.



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THEATRICAL

The ninth chapter of the wonder serial, "The Shielding Shadow," full of big situations and thrills, is today's headliner at the Bijou, and absolutely is the biggest chapter yet of this grand serial achievement starring beautiful Grace Darmond, Leon Barry, Ralph Kellard and the other great stars.

Leontine is imprisoned by Sebastian in Bianca's gambling house. Again the mysterious Ravangar laughs at his shackles—comes to her aid and shows her the secret stairs to an underground sluiceway.

Bianca discovers her trying to escape and when Leontine is half-way out, turn on the electric switch controlling the sluicegates and Leontine is caught in a watery trap.

The Shielding Shadow protects her. The switch is clicked back by an unseen hand and from the dungeon below, she shoots through the sluiceway to the river and swims to safety.

There is another rare treat at the Bijou today, the greatest Keystone Triangle comedy ever presented on a Wilmington screen, entitled "The Surf Girl," but despite the title the girls are very much in the plural, as there are an even dozen of the beautiful and shapely Keystone bathing girls disporting themselves throughout the two reels of rip-snorting fun that it possesses. Don't miss this.

Triangle Comedy Drama—Grand.

Today the greatest Triangle comedy drama that has ever been filmed is on at the Grand, and it stars the greatest comedian who has ever appeared in Fine Arts Triangle picture comedy features, Douglas Fairbanks, the inimitable comedy king at his very best.

"Flirting With Fate," is the title. The theme is thoroughly original, and starts when Douglas, learning that the girl he wants to marry has become engaged to another man, hires a professional assassin to blow out his lights and end his misery. He had previously tried to commit suicide the gas way, but his quarter in the slot meter had petered out on him before he had become quite dead. So Automatic Joe, who does all kinds of killing, both plain and fancy, for nominal prices, is engaged to end him at some unexpected moment when he isn't looking.

But the girl changes her mind, consequently Douglas does not want to die. Also a relative has expired and left him a million dollars. But he happens to remember Automatic Joe and their compact. Henceforth he is kept busy dodging Joe, and cannot come close enough to tell him to break off the bargain, for fear Joe will take a chance shot at him. That's the theme—now go ahead and imagine the laugh making possibilities and don't miss it, a Griffith production in five reels, at the Grand today.

New Bill at Victoria.

Today another brand new bill goes on at the Victoria, the Brinkley Girls Company presenting what is termed their banner attraction, for the week-end crowds. Mr. Saladar states that he has reversed the regular order of things, and instead of giving all his best work to the first show, is putting every effort into the last show of the week, so that the crowds may have pleasant anticipations of a return engagement by his company in Wilmington.

Today and tomorrow they will present the gorgeous musical comedy farce, "The Pride of the Sultan's Harem," a gorgeous production staged with an eye to injecting a flavor of the Far East. In the role of leading comedy artist, Hal Stack, the inimitable, will again win new honors, while Mae Ward as "The pride" will be a picture of beauty. The other pretty girls of the company, as Zuleka, Omar, Fatima, Lulu and Fifi, ladies of the harem, disport themselves in some of the most gorgeous costumes seen during the whole week, and there is a big buch of new song numbers, including brand new specialties by the Dixie Trio.

By request of many, the famous Venetian Trio will repeat today the bill presented with such a sensational welcome last Monday. There have been many requests for a repetition of this bill, therefore it will be the big extra attraction for today.

De Rue Brothers' Minstrels.

This criticism of De Rue Brothers' Minstrels, which will be seen at the Academy of Music on next Saturday, playing a matinee and night performance, was clipped from the Raleigh News and Observer of December 3:

"Raleigh theatre goers who greeted the De Rue Brothers and their aggregation of splendid performers at the Academy of Music last night, when they appeared here for their initial performance, were not disappointed if the delight of an audience can be determined by applause and laughter.

"Several song hits and new dances won favor with the audience and the show as a whole was well presented. One of the new song hits was "When Sunday (meaning Billy) Comes to Town," sung by Billy De Rue, who is also a very clever comedian. Among the others due special mention were Turner Brothers as grotesque comedy acrobats, and Carl Denton as character impersonator."

The matinee prices will be 25 cents for balcony seats and 50 cents for seats on the lower floor. Children will be admitted to any seat for 10 cents. Night prices will be from 50 cents to $1. Tickets went on sale Thursday morning at Elvington's Pharmacy.

Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts."

With a bevy of pretty girls with fresh youthful voices and with Julia Gifford in the stellar role "Sweethearts," the Victor Herbert operetta, will be presented at the Academy of Music, matinee and night on next Wednesday.

This playing of "Sweethearts," a quaint old Belgium romance, is an important addition to the list of attractions booked for the Academy and one that will no doubt prove a joy to the lovers of lilting melodies.

Chris O. Brown, under whose direction "Sweethearts" will be presented, has beautifully mounted his production and the company of sixty will carry its own orchestra in order that the beautiful music of the master composer may be presented to the best possible advantage. Matinee prices will run from 50 cents to $1.50. The night prices will be from 75 cents to $2. Tickets will go on sale at Elvington's at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

IN THE RECORDER'S COURT

Two Continued Cases Composed the Docket Yesterday.

Two continued cases were all that came before the Recorder's court at yesterday morning's session, and in both these cases the State took a nol pros with leave. The defendants were Dave Teachey, charged with car breaking, and Simon Evans, charged with larceny. Both were colored.

BIG FIGHT AT FARRIS BAKERY

Six-cent bread got fresh and doughnuts took offense.

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On Monday, December 11th, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the City Hall, the City Council will hold a special meeting for the purpose of inquiring into and investigating any irregularities or misconduct on the part of any City employes. All persons having any knowledge of any negligence, or incompetency, or misuse of property, or misconduct of any kind, upon the part of any official or other employe are urged to appear at that time before the Council and furnish such information as they may have. And all persons knowing others who may have such information are requested to furnish the Mayor of the City with name or names, to the end that such investigation may be full and comprehensive.

By order of the Council.

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THE WILMINGTON STAR CO.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

I love to think that in the path
Of His love prepares,
Thy steps may sometimes stronger prove
Through secret prayers.

I like to think that, when on high
Results we see,
Perchance thou wilt rejoice that I
Thus prayed for thee.
—E. G. BARNES-LAWRENCE.

Lots of us are indulging in optimism, but we are not getting fat on it.

Now that Bucharest has been arrested, is it too much to presume that she will be allowed to take a needed rest?

There is talk about banishing Santa Claus, but lots of us realize the fact that Santa Claus vanished many years ago.

The Hague agreements were supposed to be international law, but any law that cannot be enforced is a dead letter.

Some of us can cut down expenses by abandoning our efforts to cut more ice than the law of supply and demand allows.

Former President Taft has had as many knocks as most any other big man, but he laughes just as if he believes that a knock is as good as a boost.

Senator Penrose wants a "force bill" passed to regulate the South. He must have taken personal offense at some of the objurgatory references made to him during the campaign.

The financial journals are advising the farmers what to do with their money. They need not bother about that, for the wives of the farmers can be depended on for all the advice that is necessary.

A Rumanian statesman urged his country to join in the European war "in order to realize her larger destiny." Rumania took his advice, but she is now in a position to realize that depending on some advice is like leaning on a rotten stick to overlook a cliff.

Here's greetings to the North Carolina newspaper men gathered at Chapel Hill for the first Newspaper Institute of the State Press Association. May it prove exceedingly pleasant and profitable to those gathered there and beneficial to the papers represented, as well as to their readers!

Investigation of the car shortage in this country is apt to show that the cause of it is that too few ports on the Atlantic are expected to do the commerce of 100,000,000 of people. The country needs every port it has and they should all be prepared to divide responsibility for the enormous and growing commerce of the Nation.

A man who recently came to Wilmington has found out more about the city's advantages than lots of people who have lived here all their lives. Some are really "from Missouri" when he even takes the trouble to emphasize the absolutely obvious adaptabilities of this section. That is because there is no systematic study of the opportunities hereabouts.

The annual reports of the various departments of the government to Congress make up for the difference between President Wilson's two column address and the seven-column messages of old. The five columns which the President didn't use are being filled this week with synopses of the department reports and recommendations. That is another innovation Wilson has brought into vogue, at which nobody is complaining, so far as we have heard.

BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

The Atlantic Coast Line is to be congratulated upon the partial redemption of its pledges of the European war year in promising to restore the Conway train on its W., C. & A. branch on or about January 10th of the new year. It has also taken a progressive step in agreeing to operate a Pullman car on trains 90 and 91 out of and into Wilmington at the early hours, at least during the sessions of the Legislature with the probability that this service will be continued.

It is to be hoped and it is believed that at no distant date the officials of the company will see their way clear to also restore the trains on the Wilmington and New Bern and A. & Y. branches of their line, for the people along those branches are becoming restive over the outlook and they have reason to expect this restoration without having to resort to an appeal to the Corporation Commission. When these trains were discontinued under the extraordinary conditions immediately following the outbreak of the European war the people were singularly quiescent; they have gone on and borne the inconvenience of the curtailed schedules, but now they feel that with business normal again, the Atlantic Coast Line should not unduly impose upon their quiescence and force them to make a fight for what they believe justly belongs to them under the assurances given at the time the trains were discontinued.

As the days go by there are increasing evidences that the Seaboard Air Line is falling into line with respect to a better train service on the Wilmington-Charlotte branch and in a little while we may expect to see Wilmington enjoying the passenger and mail service to which its importance as a freight producing center entitles it. The matter of the coal shortage is rapidly vanishing and with this cloud on the horizon entirely gone, it is expected that there will be nothing left to be desired in the way of trains and schedules.

BIG MEN AND BIG INFLUENCES MUST CO-OPERATE.

The boosters of Southern cities generally pull off certain stunts with the idea that it is giving publicity to their city. Piles of money are being spent that way every year and it seems gratifying to many to hear so many people mentioning the town and to read newspaper accounts of the local events—so local as a matter of fact, that they hardly attract momentary attention abroad. The widespread, gripping attention so anxiously desired is not secured and never will be obtained on an asset basis by any such methods of publicity.

It is easy enough for a city to obtain a reputation for hospitality, but the amount of practical publicity expected is actually negligible or positively nil. Newspaper readers away off may look at the headlines, in the event that the occasion gets mentioned in many newspapers abroad, but in the majority of cases it is only the local papers which have played up the event as a specially notable one. Reall a big local event scarcely attracts attention abroad. Ephemeral interest may be aroused, but it is results and not reputation or interest that our cities are after. When we sift over most of the events that are supposed to get real publicity for a city, there are no results in the sifter.

Our cities have done many things that create interest and afford entertainment—right at home, mostly—but the busy world far away may be momentarily entertained, without being interested except in a merely passing way. If some of those stunts for which good money is spent are beneficial to the local people, they are worth while, but as publicity features it is money spent for nothing. The same amount of money spent for real publicity for a city's definite and well-organized plans would secure results. Entirely too much money is spent for attention and not enough for the practical publicity that gets results.

It costs a city a good bit of money to show its hospitality and get a certain amount of appreciation for it, but the same amount of money spent in "showing the goods" will get something for the city. Certain stunts give us an opportunity to put on our glad rags and be enthusiastic and clever while it lasts, but the next morning we are ready to kick the cat and go to work on our regular job of keeping our noses on a last year's grindstone. Maybe you have no photographs of several stunts that have been pulled off at considerable expense to you on the plea that it was good for the town, but you recollect them as a passing show without being able to point to a collection of tangible results.

Of course, it is all right to have a good time and have as many of them as we can afford, but we are mistaken in believing that they constitute publicity. We are moved to say this because a certain city of good repute pulled off a great local stunt that was a complete success as an intellectual and social affair, really intended as a means of making everybody watch the city grow. It took several days thereafter to give credit to all the boosters who claimed and deserved credit for making the thing go on a brilliant and corruscating scale, but as soon as everybody forgets the spectacularity and hilarity of the occasion nobody can recollect anything about having to go all over town to salute results that rushed in to help to make the town.

Since "business is business," let's always figure on results from the money that is supposed to be spent for publicity. It's all right to call high jinks by their right name, but their name is not publicity. That is the dream idea of building a city. Most of the things we are doing to build our cities are what we think we are doing, so it is only necessary to throw out a hint along this line. According to the Sunpaper, Baltimore has gotten out of the dreamer class, for that city is now figuring on and going after results. Baltimore is now having visions and is getting what is coming to her by going after them in the right way. As The Sun puts it, Baltimore's old way used to be this way:

"For a good while Baltimore was the champion municipal dreamer of the country. It was always dreaming about the big things it was going to do—and never doing them. Like the traveler in the desert, it saw mirages of beauty and achievement in the clouds, and contented itself with a greater and more lordly city built wholly on its imagination."

There is a lesson in this for all cities. The truth is, Baltimore quit fooling herself with the things that she thought she was doing on paper. After she quit going up in the air after what she hoped to get, she is getting them in business-like way. When a city's business men mobilize they can make things happen. When a good thing is decided upon it is put through at once so others can be done. No city can grow if it takes too long to do a thing after it is undertaken. Big men and big influences must co-operate in building a city, just as now is the plan in Baltimore.

WAS SPEAKING FIGURATIVELY

Charity and Children is up in arms because the Charlotte Observer said the other day that the christening of the steamer City of Wilmington "was a baptizing worth while." Before our good friend Dr. Johnson goes further, we rise to explain that the Charlotte paper was only speaking figuratively, since there was no actual christening of the vessel. The change in name from Camino to City of Wilmington was made in a most prosaic way. There was nothing more than the filing of papers in the office of the collector of customs, certifying that the change had been made in accordance with government regulations, and thereafter a painter was set at work obliterating the old name and putting in its place the new one.

However, Charity and Children did not seem to know that its Charlotte contemporary was only speaking figuratively in order to lend a touch of sentiment to the occurrence, for Editor Johnson proceeds to remark: "We thought our people had passed beyond the dark ages. To thus prostitute the most sacred of ordinances is unworthy of enlightened citizens." We hope our good friend, Dr. Johnson, will make explanations because it would be unjust to allow this animadversion to stand in view of what actually happened.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Eggs in Charlotte have reached the outlandish price of 49 cents a dozen, and Christmas just around the corner. There seems to be nothing in sight to check a continued rise unless the householders follow the tactics of the Housewives' League of New York and form a combine against high prices. This league has succeeded in bringing down eggs from 50 cents to 35, the figure it agreed upon as what ought to be asked and paid, but the Charlotte housekeepers are poor organizers, as has been proved by the ineffective manner in which they have handled the servant question. But after all, about the only present remedy the purchasing public has against the rising prices is to cut down demand and exercise more discrimination in buying supplies. Commodities are going to remain high so long as the demand for them at high prices continues to exist.—Charlotte Observer.

The reception accorded ex-President Taft last night when he delivered the annual address before the State Literary and Historical Association was one of warmth, a tribute to the feeling that is felt here towards him as a man and a citizen. In the past on his visits to North Carolina he has been given the greeting of the South to a distinguished visitor, and when he came on political missions there were always crowds to hear him, crowds which voted the other way from him on election day. Treating of the romantic career of Edward Livingston as this touched upon the lives of Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall and Andrew Jackson, the address last night of Mr. Taft was of great interest. In it he showed that to the subject he had given much thought it being a production of the finished order which he gave, and it won high commendation. This afternoon Mr. Taft is to be the guest of a number of Raleigh citizens at a luncheon given in his honor, the event under the direction of the Raleigh chamber of commerce. By means of this luncheon Raleigh in doing honor to the distinguished visitor is again exhibiting that hospitality for which the reputation of the Capital City of the State is growing. The recurrence of these luncheons to prominent men who visit Raleigh is a good sign for our continued progress. —Raleigh News and Observer.

HIGHER ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT

At University 15 Units Will be Required Instead of 14 After 1917.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 7.—Beginning in the fall of 1918, the University of North Carolina will raise its entrance requirements from 14 units to 15 units, according to information received today from the president's office. This increase in entrance requirements is in line with the general practice of the bigger universities and colleges throughout the country, which are demanding more adequate preparation of men who would enter college work.

This increase in requirements has been made possible in North Carolina now because of the more complete and adequate training given in the high and private preparatory schools of the State.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors, Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

LOWER PRICES THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION

Secretary Houston's Report Discusses High Cost of Living.

Congress Urged to Strengthen Pure Food Law to Permit Standardization of Foods and Drugs and to Inspect Factories.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Efforts to reduce the cost of living through increased production and better distribution of the country's foods are detailed in the annual report of Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, made public today. The report also devotes considerable attention to the pure food law and urges on Congress the need of strengthening it to permit standardization of foods and drugs and inspection of foods and drugs factories.

Records of the department, the report sets forth, show that except for meat and dairy products the per capita production of the leading food commodities in the United States has remained about the same despite the rapid growth of population. Statistics presented cover a period of 16 years. The population has increased in that time 33 per cent. There is ground for optimism, the report says, as to the ability of the Nation not only to supply itself with food but increasingly to meet the needs of the world.

Increased Meat Production.

One of the principal aims of the department has been to increase meat production. The report shows a steady growth since 1913 in the output of beef and an advance in the number of swine every year since 1899. More extensive sheep raising is recommended as a source of food. It is pointed out that only one farm in seven in the United States now supports sheep. Fifty million sheep, it is said, could be added to the country's flocks.

Stabilizing of production is recommended as one of the greatest agricultural needs in producing food crops sufficient to meet demands. This can be accomplished best, the report points out, through better adapted or improved crop varieties, more systematic and rational crop rotation and improved agricultural practice generally. In many parts of the country more attention to livestock production is essential to enduring and economical agriculture, the report declares.

It is highly desirable, it is pointed out, that areas for production of staple crops be broadened as far as experience and sound economics may warrant. In this respect the report dwells on the importance of controlling plant diseases and insect pests.

Marketing of farm products, rural finance and rural organization, the report says, have received close attention from the department in the last three years. A four year programme developed in 1913 has been in a large measure carried out.

Improved Marketing.

Improved marketing of livestock and meats has been sought by the department as a means of cheapening these products. Already, the report says, "arrangements have been made with 58 stockyard companies to secure monthly reports of livestock receipts and shipments. A uniform system of marketing records has been established at the instance of the department by a number of yards. Methods and costs of marketing livestocks and meats were investigated. A preliminary investigation of the sources, accuracy and use of market reports on livestock and meats has been made. The results of this study have been utilized in development of plans for the organization of a demonstration market news service for livestock similar to that now conducted for perishable crops."

VENABLE SUCCEEDS HERTY.

Becomes Head of Department of Chemistry at the University.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 7. — Prof. Francis P. Venable, of the chemistry department of the University, has just been appointed head of the department of chemistry as successor of Prof. Charles Holmes Herty, who left for New York on December 1, to become the editor of the American Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. Dr. Venable's reputation as a chemist extends not only throughout this country but throughout Europe as well.

Along with Dr. Herty, he has had the distinction of being president of the American Chemical Society. In this respect Carolina is the only school in the country, excepting Columbia, to have had two members of the faculty hold this important office. Dr. Venable was president of the University until 1914, when he was succeeded by President Edward Kidder Graham.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY EARNINGS

Increase in Operating Revenue and Expenses For Four Months.

Atlanta, Dec. 7.—The Southern Railway Company's gross operating revenue for the four months of 1916 ending October 31 was $25,754,160, an increase of $3,188,022 over the same period of 1915, according to announcement made at the office of the vice-president here today. Operating expenses ,taxes and uncollectible revenues for the same period of this year were given as $18,178,-9546, an increase of $2,027,739 over this period in 1915. Rentals, interest and other income charges were not made public.

RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Ladies' Concordia Society, held this day, Dec. 6, 1916, the following was unanimously adopted:

"It having pleased our Heavenly Father to call from this earth our dear sister Betsy Shrier, we extend to her sorrowing family the hand of true sympathy in this sad hour of grief and mourning.

"Quiet and retiring by nature, she carried into her own home life the virtues of a good wife and mother, and the beautiful family affection of which she was the center, shed blessings around and about her and formed her own and her dear ones' strength and support during the long and painful illness she endured with patience and resignation.

"Be it Resolved, That a page in our minute book be inscribed to the memory of our deceased sister, and that a copy of the foregoing be sent to her bereaved family, and that the same be published in our daily papers.

LINA GOODMAN,
ESTER MENDELSOHN,
DAISY STERNBERGER,
Committee.

Attest:
Agnes O. Solomon, Sec'y.
(advertisement.)

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

The undersigned having this day qualified as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Henry Arthur Burr, deceased, we hereby give notice to all persons having claims against our said Testator to present the same to the undersigned, or any one of them, on or before the 16th day of November, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

Dated this November 9th, 1916.

AUSTIN H. BURR,
FREDERICK S. BURR,
HENRY A. BURR, JR.,
MASON G. BURR,
Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Henry Arthur Burr, deceased.
no9-1aw6w

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of Mary Elizabeth Borden, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to her estate to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against said estate must present them for payment on or before the ninth day of November, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This 9th day of November, 1916.

THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY,
Administrators with the Will Annexed.
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And so arranged as to eliminate all of the objectionable features of selecting Christmas Gifts.

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DON'T FORGET TO ORDER CARBONLESS AUTOIL.

MANY WINDOWS ABLAZE IN ARTISTIC SPLENDOR

Beautiful Designs Seen in Window Trimming Contest.

Wilmington's Shopping District Was Thronged Last Night With Admiring Spectators Who ere Out to See Sights.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock last night while expectant crowds thronged the sidewalks throughout the shopping district, the curtains were raised from the windows of 43 Wilmington stores and business houses, displaying simultaneously one of the most gorgeous arrays of decorations that has blinked the old town in the eye for many moons. The occasion was the annual window trimming contest of the Chamber of Commerce.

There were decorations in all forms, in all styles and in all colors. There was the elaborate, artistic design, perfect to the minutest detail, and then there was the one that by its simplicity drew complimentary remarks from admiring spectators.

As a rule, however, the windows grouped themselves into three general classes. Those which sought to dazzle the eyes by magnificent and gorgeous garnishings; those that depended on their simplicity and selling power of the commodity represented to attract attention, and lastly, those that cleverly combined both the first two classes and put forth the best principles of each.

Early in the evening, such throngs of pedestrians could be seen from The Star local room, moving past Front and Chestnut, in such an endless stream that it was evident that something or other was taking place on the street. It was impossible to decide from a distance because the crowds were about evenly divided between men and women, and, therefore, it was unsafe to risk a guess, for it might be either the arrival of the "Christmas Express" from Baltimore at the union station or a suffragist meeting on the corner.

One thing was certain, however, everybody else in town was out there on the streets, so it was up to somebody to get out and see what was happening and tell the rest about it. And that is how the start was made, and how it happens that you are able to get a story about it this morning.

After reaching Front street, and being tossed about on the perfect sea of humanity for the period of several minutes, a landing was effected at the store of A. David & Co., and the review of the window trimming contestants was on.

The big display windows on either side of the main entrance to David's were filled with the latest novelties in gentlemen's furnishings, and they were so artistically arranged that it made mere man look on with longing eye and wonder if he would look half as good as some of the display models, if he were to invest a few iron men in some of the wearing apparel exhibited.

Two steps southward and the boudoir scene at Belk-Williams met the gaze. The only thing lacking was the fact that the shapely maiden who adorned the center was made of wax instead of flesh and blood. On the other side an animated "dummy" did a whirling stunt in the midst of a realistic looking snow storm. All kinds of dainty feminine lingerie was scattered about. A big toy pile driver in the center window attracted the youngsters.

Any bashful country swain (or city one, either, for that matter) would have been delighted to steal away for a tete-a-tete with his best girl in the luxuriously furnished nook next door, contributed by the Wilmington Furniture Company.

Furthermore, if he were the least bit hungry when he departed, then the tempting delicacies artistically arranged in the window of the People's Supply Company would have tickled his palate to satisfaction. The same would be true of any of a half dozen other stores similarly arranged. The displays of Hall & Ross, Atkinson & Watters, or Wilmington Grocery Company would have had the same effect.

Beautifully designed windows filled with all the latest cuts in footwear marked the exhibits of Peterson & Rulf, and the Wilmington Shoe Company. The former featured the exterior of a cottage during a snowstorm with a shaded light showing the Christmas tree within.

Both the Kress and Woolworth stores had packed about everything imaginable in their windows and had trimmed them up with tinsel, etc., making a pretty picture and one that caught the eye of the juveniles, and held them spellbound.

Bon Marche "From the Mountains to the Sea" had a clever arbor like arrangement, with entwining vines and yellow blossoms, showing to the best advantage the many needs of milady's wardrobe.

A Red Cross doll sitting by the bedside of a wounded soldier, and ministering to his wants, was the feature of the Red Cross exhibit at Elvington's Practically every article in the window bore the little Red Cross on its wrappings. The Baxter Tobacco Company had an attractive display of its merchandise.

All bed room and household necessities in the war of carpets, rugs, etc., could be seen at Poivogt's. Hunting goods and toys featured the offering of the Jacobi Hardware Company. One window showed an outdoor scene with a ferocious teddy bear caught in the jaws of a steel trap.

The Cape Fear Hardware Company made toys their chief drawing card, and a perfectly appointed train, drawn by a modern electric locomotive, was one of the most attractive features.

The various jewelry stores entered in the contest vied with each other in seeing which could arrange the most artistic display of dainty novelties. Honnet's, Burke's, Schuster's and Huggins' were all in line and about the only way to compare them would be to say "that each was more beautiful than the others."

"Whittier's "Snowbound" gives no more perfect description of a snow-

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SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE opened by the Lighthouse Inspector, Charleston, S. C. at 12 o'clock, noon, December 15, 1916, for furnishing gasoline to Lighthouse Service for period from January 1, 1917, to June 30, 1917. Information upon application to the above office. decT-2t

SOROSIS JOINS IN THE WILMINGTON BOYCOTT

Members to Abstain From Using Butter, Eggs and Cheese.

Cooking of Christmas Cakes Now Becomes Question of Prime Importance—Recipes for Non-Use of Eggs in Demand.

Another organization declared war on the high cost of living yesterday afternoon when the North Carolina Sorosis voted to stand behind the Housewives' League in their boycott on cheese, eggs and butter. Another recruit is thus gained for the "allies" and a few dozen more housekeepers will endeavor to concoct some kind of Christmas cake without the use of the time-honored necessary ingredients.

There was very little discussion over the matter when Sorosis got ready to act. The members just got right down to brass tacks and declared that they were with their sisters of the Housewives' League to the last ditch, or the last lump of dough, as the case may be.

The meeting of Sorosis was held in the club room on North Third street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The president, Miss Margaret Gibson, presided. It was the regular business meeting, and a number of matters came before the house.

Now that the two leading organizations of women in the city have gone on record as opposed to using eggs, butter or cheese in any form until the prices get lower, the question of cooking a Christmas cake assumes large proportions in the minds of a great many housekeepers. Diligent inquiry has been made by many as to the best means of providing for this emergency.

The question of butter has not caused such serious concern for cotton oil preparations or lard may be used and many housewives are already following this practice. Even the much abused and much used oleo has been called into requisition.

A Wilmington housewife, who has used a recipe for making cake with much success that calls for neither butter nor eggs, has kindly consented to let the public have the benefit of her experience. She does not guarantee that anyone else can use it successfully, but simply suggests it as a help towards the possible solution of a much vexed problem, having succeeded with it herself.

The recipe starts off by saying that a cup of sugar and a quarter of a cup of "shortening" preferably lard or cotton oil, and a cup of sour apple sauce shall be mixed together. To this should be added a teaspoonful of soda mixed with a teaspoonful of cold water and then come two cups of flour. Then should be added spices to flavor, which may consist of a teaspoonful of cinnamon, a teaspoonful of nutmeg and a half teaspoonful of cloves. Last, but not least, comes a cup of raisins or nuts. Bake the whole slowly in a bread tin for about 40 minutes and the result should be a very appetising brand of cake that will come in mighty handy for Christmas. However, the result is not guaranteed, for much depends on the housewife who looks after the mixing and the baking.

The cooking of Christmas cakes, however, was not discussed at the meeting of Sorosis yesterday. The large number of ladies present did have the privilege of listening for a short while to Miss Gertrude Watkins, president of the Political Equality League, of Little Rock, Ark., who is making a tour of North Carolina in the interest of equal suffrage. Miss Watkins was given permission to give a lecture on this subject in the club room of Sorosis this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The regular reports of the various branches of work of Sorosis were received and also the reports from the Corn Show committee. Mrs. W. A. French and Mrs. M. L. Stover gave very interesting accounts of the recent Council meeting in Morganton.

—Mr. C. R. Swinney, division traffic superintendent, and Mr. J. L. Moore, division plant superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone Co., with headquarters in Charlotte, were in the city yesterday on official business.

TOP NOTCHERS CLASH TONIGHT

All in Readiness for Battle Between Draak and Olson Tonight at Woolvin Hall—Big Crowd Expected.

All is now in readiness for the big heavyweight wrestling match at Woolvin Hall tonight. With the arrival of Tommy Draak, champion of Holland and Belgium, and Charles Olsen, champion of Denmark, in the city, indications point to one of the biggest crowds in the history of the sport in Wilmington.

There is something about a clash between the big fellows that is lacking when the lesser lights lock horns. May be it is just the primitive instinct in man that makes him like to see two splendid specimens of manhood battle for supremacy armed with nothing more dangerous than nature's weapons.

This particular skirmish promises to be one that will furnish thrills enough to satisfy the most ardent fan. Both men are big, husky fellows, and both have a reputation for past performances that is sufficient to insure a battle royal. Olsen will tip the beam at 225, and Draak around 200, when the deck is cleared for action.

Promotor Hanson announced last night that efforts would be made to match the winner of tonight's bout with Dr. Roller, the American champion. Roller is now in Norfolk, and it is practically assured that he will appear here in the near future. Failing to get Roller another topnotcher will be secured to try conclusions with the man who emerges on top tonight.

A section of the hall has been screened off from the main floor for the use of the colored people who desire to witness the performances. Manager Hanson has had numerous requests from the colored people to make this arrangement, and he has decided to give it a trial.

COMMUNITY MEETING IS LARGELY ATTENDED

Prof. Noble Delivers Entertaining Address on "Discontent."

Enthusiastic and Appreciative Audience Attends First of Series of Meetings Held Last Night at Winter Park School.

Prof. M. C. S. Noble, for more than 15 years superintendent of the city schools of Wilmington and now head of the department of pedagogy of the University of North Carolina, delivered the main address at a well-attended and enthusiastic community meeting of the citizens of Winter Park at the school house last night on the subject of "Discontent." Woodus Kellum, Esq., chairman of the Board of Education, and Dr. Arnold Stovall, county physician, also made short addresses. Professor Noble was introduced by Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of county schools.

Last night's meeting was the first of a series which will be held in different sections of the county, the object of which is to awaken an increased interest on the part of the people of the county in its schools and also to afford them some measure of recreation and entertainment during the long winter evenings.

At a similar meeting which will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Acorn Branch school, Professor Noble will deliver an address to the members of the Mothers' Club of the school and others interested. Dr. Arnold Stovall will also speak at this meeting. Tonight at 7:45 o'clock, Professor Noble will address a meeting at the Masonboro school. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Electing to speak in a general way on the educational significance of "Discontent," Professor Noble declared that the people who are thoroughly satisfied with themselves and their institutions never make any real progress toward bettering either themselves or their institutions. For this reason, he said, he was glad that the people of New Hanover county were not satisfied, and that as a result they had fine schools and fine buildings.

"If you continue to be dissatisfied, it will mean that you are going to have still finer schools and buildings," the speaker said. Continuing, Professor Noble called attention to the fact that today the dissatisfaction with old systems of teaching were responsible for the remarkable growth of interest in and the establishment of courses in the schools for the teaching of domestic science, vocational and industrial subjects. He declared that the increasingly larger emphasis which was being placed on these practical subjects was a healthy sign of growth in education ideas.

Professor Noble's address proved to be vastly entertaining and was much appreciated. He kept the audience laughing from start to finish with the wealth of humorous illustrations with which he drove his points home.

A very pleasing feature of the meeting was a short musical programme, which included a violin solo by Miss Annabel Campbell, for which Mrs. John Wells played the accompaniments on the piano.

RIVER STEAMER SOLD

The Ella Sold to Captain Bailey, Agent, Wednesday Afternoon.

After being on the market for more than a year, the river steamer Ella, owned by Capt. John W. Harper, and formerly plying between Wilmington and Southport, was sold to Capt. E. P. Bailey, agent, Wednesday afternoon. The purchase price is said to have been between $8,000 and $10,000.

The boat was built for Captain Harper a few years ago and was at first used as a freight and passenger boat on the Harper Line between Wilmington and Southport but when double service was discontinued, the Ella was moored off Eagle's Island and offered for sale. Immediately following its change of owners the Ella was towed to the plant of the Wilmington Iron Works. No announcement was made as to what use it will be put in the future.

THE LOWEST DEATH RATE YET

Figures for November Show Only Eight Deaths Among Resident Whites of City—Other Figures.

Wilmington had the lowest white death rate in its history during November, according to figures given out yesterday by Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer. During the past month, with a white population of more than 20,000, there were only eight deaths among the resident whites of the city, and three deaths among the non-resident whites. There were only 27 deaths among the colored people of the city, and two of these were non-residents.

This gives the extremely low death rate among the whites of 5 4-10, and colored death rate of 16 2-10, or a combined death rate of 10 3-10, which as noted above is the lowest in the history of the city since any statistics have been kept on the subject.

The combined white death rate in both the city and the county is also the lowest on record. The death rate of the entire county and city during November during the past month was whites, 5 3-10, and colored, 17 3-10, or a combined rate of 11 2-10.

In the city there were 38 white births, or nearly five times as many births as deaths. There were, during the same period, 30 colored births. In both city and county there was 49 white babies and 34 colored babies born. The white birth rate in the city and county is, therefore, 28 3-10, and the colored birth rate of 23, or a combined birth rate of 25 9-10. In both city and county, there were five times as many white babies born as there were white people of all ages who died.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at The Wilmington yesterday were: G. M. Rose, Faetteville; J. S. Thomas, Charlotte.

TJ CONTINUE FIGHT FOR BETTER TRAIN SERVICE

Conference With S. A. L. Officials in Charlotte Next Week.

Mr J. G. McCormick Will Represent Wilmington at Meeting Called to Discuss Putting on Additional Passenger Trains.

At a meeting of the Traffic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Mr. J. G. McCormick brought to the attention of the committee a conference which will be held in Charlotte Friday, December 15th, at 1 P. M., in regard to an additional train service on the Seaboard Air Line, and a re-arrangement of the present schedules. This hearing is of vital importance to Wilmington and its trade territory and it is expected that there will be a large number of representatives present from the different towns along this line.

The object of this conference is to extend the service now operated between Rutherfordton, Raleigh and Wilmington, making a through daylight service between Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherfordton, and to operate a train between Hamlet and Raleigh to take care of the service heretofore maintained in that territory by the Raleigh and Rutnerfordton train. It is also proposed to re-arrange the schedule of the trains Nos. 13 and 14 and 19 and 20, so as to allow more time between tranis both in Charlotte and Wilmington, and so as to put these two trains on a more dependable and quicker schedule, and to take care of through and local connections, and all directions at Hamlet.

The Charlotte Shippers & Manufacturers' Association is greatly interested in this improved train service and Mr. McCormick stated that he had been advised that a luncheon would be given by this association to the visitors present to attend the conference. He thought it well to have as large a delegation from Wilmington as possible and for all those who intended going to please write Mr. W. S. Creighton, traffic manager of Charlotte Shippers & Manufacturers' Association. Mr. C. S. Lake, general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, will be present at the conference.

Inasmuch as practically all of the negotiations on the part of Wilmington and outlying territory have been conducted with First Vice President Capps, the Traffic Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is unanimously of the opinion that it is very important that Mr. Capps should be present with Mr. Lake and Chairman Taylor was advised to urge upon Mr. Capps the importance of his personal attendance. Mr. McCormick will be present at the conference representing the Traffic Committee of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. A representative from the U. C. T. will also be present, and it is very probable a member of the Rotary Club will attend.

The following tentative schedules for the present trains and also for the proposed new trains have been worked out by those interested:

Train No. 19.—Leave Wilmington at 4 A. M.; leave Clarkton 5:25; Lumberton 6:10; Maxton 6:55; arrive at Hamlet at 7:45 A. M.; leave Hamlet at 8:45; Monroe 10:40, and arrive at Charlotte at 11:30 A. M.

Train No. 13—Leave Wilmington at 4:20 P. M.; Clarkton 5:57; Lumberton 6:40; Maxton 7:30; arrive at Hamlet at 8:15; leave Hamlet 8:40; Monroe 10:40 and arrive at Charlotte at 11:30 P. M.

Train No. 21—(This is the proposed new train)—Leave Wilmington at 8:30 A. M.; Clarkton 10:00; Lumberton 10:45; Maxton 11:35; arrive at Hamlet at 12:25 P. M.; leave Hamlet at 1 P. M.; Monroe 3:00; arrive at Charlotte 3:50 leave Charlotte 3:50; leave Shelby 5:55; and arrive at Rutherfordton at 7:00 P. M.

Train No. 14—Leave Charlotte at 5:00 A. M.; arrive at Monroe 5:55; leave Monroe 6:10; arrive at Hamlet 8:00; leave Hamlet at 8:30; Maxton 9:25; Lumberton 10:10; Clarkton 10:42; arrive at Wilmington at 12:30 P. M.

Train No. 20—Leave Charlotte at 5:00 P. M.; arrive at Monroe 5:50; leave Monroe 5:55; arrive at Hamlet 7:50; leave Hamlet at 8:15; Maxton 8:55; Lumberton 9:45; Clarkton 10:25; and arrive at Wilmington at 12:10 A. M.

Train No. 22—(This is the proposed new train, to Wilmington)—Leave Rutherfordton at 7:00 A. M.; Shelby 8:05 leave Charlotte 10:10; arrive at Monroe 11:05; leave Monroe 11:15; arrive at Hamlet 1 00:P. M.; leave Hamlet at 1:25; Maxton at 2:15; Lumberton 3:05; Clarkton 3:45; and arrive at Wilmington at 5:25 P. M.

This is not intended to affect trains No. 15 and 16 between Monroe and Rutherfordton and is subject to adjustment to connections with through trains at Hamlet.

MR. W. L. HOLT DEAD

He Was Brother of Mr. E. C. Holt, of Wilmington—Died at Burlington.

Mr. E. C. Holt, president of the Delgado Cotton Mills, left yesterday morning for Burlington, where he was called on account of the death of his brother, Mr. William I. Holt, secretary-treasurer of the Lake Side Cotton Mills, which occurred at his home in Burlington Wednesday afternoon.

The deceased was 45 years of age and had been in failing health for a number of years. He is survived by five brothers and one sister.

How to Peel Off a Weatherbeaten Face

It's really a simple matter to renovate a face soiled by dirt, wind or cold. Ordinary mercolized wax, used like cold cream, will transform the worst old complexion into one of snowy whiteness and velvety softness. It literally peels off the outer veil of surface skin, but so gently, gradually, there's no discomfort. The wornout skin comes off, not in patches, but evenly, in tiny particles, leaving no evidence of the treatment. The younger, healthier underskin forming the new complexion is one of captivating loveliness. One ounce of mercolized wax, to be had at any drug store, is enough to remove any coarse, chapped, pimpled, freckled, faded or sallow skin. Apply before retiring, washing it off mornings.

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MR. CARR LEAVES THE FIRM

Effective January 1st, District Attorney Will Withdraw From Firm of Rountree, Carr & Davis.

United States District Attorney J. O. Carr yesterday announced his withdrawal from the law firm of Rountree, Carr & Davis, effective January 1, 1917. It is stated that an agreement to this effect was entered into when Mr. Carr accepted the appointment as United States District Attorney partially effective at that time and wholly effective January 1st.

Mr. Carr will engage in the private practice of law in offices on the ninth floor of the Murchison Bank building when not occupied with his official duties as United States District Attorney, which are largely confined to the months of October and November and April and May, when the Federal courts are in session.

Judge George Rountree and Thos. W. Davis, Esq., will continue in their present offices under the firm name of Rountree & Davis. The firm of Rountree, Carr & Davis was formed January 1, 1916, and will have been in existence one year when Mr. Carr withdraws from it next month. Asked if he would form a new partnership, Mr. Carr said, "No, if I were going to do that I would not make a change."

Property Transfers Recorded.

The following transfers were filed yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds: J. R. Covil to J. L. Taylor, tract of land aggregating about 24 acres near Red Hill Landing and Everett's creek, consideration, $960; A. B. Rhodes to Charlotte Boone, property on Eighth street, consideration, $100; Kinsey Hobbs and wife to Dr. Arnold Stovall, property on Wrightsville avenue, consideration, $100.

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SOCIAL

The members of the Parish Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church will hold their regular monthly business meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Moore have returned from their bridal trip to the North, and will make their home with the mother of Mrs. Moore on South Third street.

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Mrs. N. J. Watkins and her daughter, Virgie, will leave this morning on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Powell, at Wake Forest.

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Clarkton Journal: "Mrs. George Singletary passed through town Tuesday en route to her home near Elizabethtown, returning from a hospital in Wilmington."

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Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Thomas Meyer announce the engagement of their daughter, Viola Belle, to Mr. Adrian F. J. Uelman. The wedding will take place on December 24th at 4 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, No. 465 Queen street.

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Mt. Olive Tribune: "Little Miss Keron Butts and Evangeline Taylor are spending a few days in Wilmington, the guest of their aunt, Mrs. H. P. Swinson.———Mr. and Mrs. Hoke Swinson, of Wilmington, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Taylor."

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The Young Woman's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church will hold a social this evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Miss Myrtle Rhodes, No. 115 South Seventh street. All young ladies of the church are cordially invited to attend.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley Memorial church wil lhold an oyster supper tonight, beginning at 6:30 o'clock in Winter Park Gardens, at the store at the intersection of the Masonboro and Wrightsville roads. The public is invited to attend.

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Mrs. D. L. Struthers will give a supper from 5 to 10 o'clock this evening at her home, No. 11 North Eighth street, for the benefit of St. Paul's Lutheran church. Chicken and potato salad will be served and cake and fancy work will be sold. The public is cordially invited.

LOCAL DOTS.

—In celebration of the taking of Bucharest, the two German merchantmen interned off Eagle's Island in the Cape Fear river displayed flags yesterday.

—Jesse Hennikan, colored, will appear before the Recorder today on a charge of assault on one N. D. Stanley, also colored. Probable cause was found yesterday by Justice Bornemann before whom the negro had his first trial.

—Justice Bornemann will be a guest of the High School club at a supper at the Y. M. C. A. this evening at 6:15 o'clock and will entertain the boys with a number of musical selections on the accordeon.

MANY WINDOWS ABLAZE IN ARTISTIC SPLENDOR

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bound farm than the exhibit of the "Siwassa". The log cabin on the hill, the old well and pulley, shapeless beneth the snowy blanket, the shivering farm animals, and the old "worm" fence were all there, with a background of pines and other evergreens.

Many of the clothing stores, I. Shrier, Shrier & Solomon, and J. M. Solky attractively displayed their wares. Geo. W. Penny featured a beacon light looking over a miniature sea, on which rode the good ship "Governor Kitchin."

Both the New Way Market and Davis & Hintze showed all sorts of tempting foodstuffs in a manner that made the mouth fairly water for a taste. Everything in their line was there, too; meats, vegetables, game, and sea food.

Other displays that were extremely attractive were: A. D. Brown, Boylan & Hancock, W. Munroe & Co., W. T. Farris, J. W. H. Fuchs, Dixon & Kermon, W. D. MacMillan, H. L. Fennell, J. H. Rehder & Co., Davis-Moore Paint Co., G. Dannenbaum, Singer Sewing Machine Co., R. C. Platt, the C. W. Yates Co., C. H. Fore & Co., Green's Drug Store, Schloss-Bear-Davis Co.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA GAME AT CHAPEL HILL NEXT YEAR

Richmond, Va., Dec. 7.—President Graham, of the University of North Carolina, today announced that the annual Virginia-North Carolina Thanksgiving football game will not be played again at Richmond where it has been staged for many years. The 1917 game will be at Chapel Hill, N. C., and the 1918 contest at Charlottesville, Va.

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BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE

Lack of Finances is Most Serious Handicap to Young Men's Christian Association Now.

The report of the Young Men's Christian Association work for the month of November as given the board of directors at their regular December business meeting was of a most encouraging nature, considering the fact that the directors of the association and the employed staff have been greatly handicapped in their effort to do the largest work possible by the lack of finances, caused to a large extent by the failure of a large number of those who made pledges to the building fund to meet payments in full. This has forced the board to borrow an amount of money, the interest on which draws very heavily on the finances for the regular work.

General Secretary Huntington in his report spoke very favorably of the renewed interest of the old members of the board and the active interest taken by all new members during the month. He also spoke of the members of the association as taking a more vital interest in the affairs of the association, showing a willingness to serve because they realize that the association is theirs.

The report of the religious work of the association compares very favorably with that of November, a year ago. In the senior division the Yoke Fellows' Band conducted regular services at eight different points and special services at seven points during the month. These meetings resulted in 67 requests for prayer and four professed conversions. The Bible classes, four in number, reported 16 sessions, with an attendance of 184. In the building boys' work, 73 Bible classes were conducted; eight boys' meetings, and the "week of prayer" was observed by each club in the association, and attended by 151. As a result of these services 38 boys took forward steps, and a prayer circle for boys' meeting weekly grew out of same.

In the City Boys' work, conducted by Mr. Hinnant, the third annual world-wide week of prayer was also observed by the boys' clubs of the city in general. A total attendance at these various clubs for the week was 443, the week closing with a decision service on Saturday morning at which a large number of forward steps were taken.

The High School Club and the K. O. K. A.'s continued to hold their regular services at the association. Under the extension committee a course of lectures has been put on for mothers of the city. The secretary visited regularly the courts during the month, and had a number of consultations with school teachers with reference to individual boys. The newsboys and the Delgado club continued the use of the Association at staetd periods.

The employed force of the association had 65 personal interviews with boys and men during the month.

The educational work of the Association, known as the Association Institute, showed a total of 33 classes with an attendance of 154. The committee made a plea for a larger group of boys to take advantage of this splendid feature of the work, because of the minimum fee charged, the splendid class of teachers employed, and the great need of higher education among boys.

The physical department report for the month showed a grand total of 2,023 using the privileges during the month for the senior department ,and 1,900 in the junior department; classes being conducted in the Boys' division for juniors, intermediate, young men, younger business boys, and older business boys; and in the senior division for business men at noon, at 5:15 and at 6:20 P. M., and for senior at night. Volley ball and basketball are also attracting a large number of men and boys to the gymnasium. The physical committee expects to push classified athletics for the juniors, and graded apparatus work and gymnastic dancing for the seniors. A wrestling club for seniors is also under way.

The House committee, of which Mr. J. L. Becton is chairman, reported the apartments well filled, only a few of the rooms being vacant during the month, also that an effort had been made to organize social clubs on each one of the floors with a central executive committee to have charge of the social work of the building. There was received from rents $488.07, with outstanding accounts to the amount of $41.85.

The financial report showed a total expense during the month of $1,223.59 with the total receipts amounting to $1,210,67. Because of several short term notes in bank and a number of open accounts past due the committee made a plea for steps to be taken to raise needed funds to carry on the work.

As a whole, the directors of the association feel very encouraged over the efforts being put forth to make this association a vital feature in the lives of the men and boys in the city, and hope to devise ways and means whereby the cramped financial condition of the association may be relieved.

The directors whose terms expired December 1st, are Messrs. D. H. Howes, Jr., C. E. Clark, C. C. Chadbourn, J. W. Yates, W. R. Dosher, were re-elected for a period of three years, and those taking place of unexpired terms, Messrs. Robert Ruark, H. Lacy Hunt, J. L. Becton, Wm. Struthers, Jr., George Delbert, were elected to fill vacancies on the board. The president of the association named the chairmen and members of the different committees for the ensuing year as follows:

Finance committee—J. W. Yates, C. E. Clark, Robt. Ruark, W. B. Thorpe, C. C. Chadbourn, J. F. Roache.

Executive committee—H. Lacy Hunt, D. H. Howes, Jr., W. B. Thorpe, Wm. Struthers, Jr.

Religious Work—R. F. Coleman.

Educational committee—Alex. Sprunt

Physical committee—W. R. Dosher.

Social committee—W. W. Koch.

Boys' Division,—

House committee—J. L. Becton.

Membership committee—Geo. Delbert, Wm. Struthers, Jr., D. C. North.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Capt. John Millis, United States district engineer with headquarters at Savannah, Ga., was in Wilmington yesterday for the purposing of making condemnation of property that is no longer of service, the government requiring that this shall be done by an officer outside of the local district. Captain Millis and Maj. A. E. Waldron left yesterday afternoon for New Bern on a similar mission.

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SOCIETIES WILL MEET TODAY

Interesting Programme Arranged for Wilmington High School—Prof. Noble to Attend.

An event of considerable interest will be the joint meeting of the two literary societies, organized yesterday in the Wilmington High School, which will be held today at 1 o'clock. Among those who have been invited to attend are Prof. M. C. S. Noble, members of the school committee, and members of the Board of Education. All patrons and interested people are invited also to be present.

Another interesting feature will be the presentation by Mr. H. E. Bonitz and Mr. J. H. Niggel, of bas relief tablets of Governor Aycock and Governor Jarvis. These gifts will prove quite an addition to the art collection of the High School auditorium, as well as be of historic interest.

The programme will consist of a musical selection by the school, announcement with regard to the purpose of the two literary societies, the presentation of officers, and the presentation of the two tablets.

The Senior and Sophompre classes of the Wilmington High School met in the chapel yesterday morning and organized the Tileston Literary Society for the purpose of encouraging, promoting and developing debating, public speaking, dramatic, music, and literary culture in the High School.

A constitution was adopted and officers elected as follows: President, Morgan Fenley, senior; vice president, Howard Penton, sophomore; secretary-treasurer, Lidie Penton, senior; faculty adviser, Miss Gulley.

The Junior and Freshmen classes met in the chapel at noon and organized the Bradley Literary Society for the same purposes. A constitution was adopted and officers elected as follows: President, Martha Rogers, junior; vice president ,Armistead Mercer, junior; secretary-treasurer, Lenox Cooper, junior; faculty advisor, Miss Kate Styron.

The hour set for the exercises is 1 o'clock and it is expected that they will not last longer than 40 minutes.

TO FORM SUFFRAGE LEAGUE

Miss Watkins Will Speak at Sorosis Club Rooms This Afternoon and at Court House Tonight.

Miss Gertrude Watkins, organizer and speaker of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the headquarters of which is in New York City, arrived here yesterday and at once began work to effect the organization of a Wilmington branch of the North Carolina Suffrage League.

Miss Watkins' home is in Little Rock, Ark., and she is president of the Political Equality League of the capital of her native state, which has a membership of more than 600 members. Under ths auspices of the North Carolina Suffrage League, she is making a two weeks' tour of the State. She has met with enthusiastic receptions in Charlotte and other cities in which she has spoken.

Through the courtesy of Judge G. W. Connor and Mr. W. A. Williams, clerk to the board of county commissioners, Miss Watkins has been granted the use of the Superior court room tonight, and at 8 o'clock will address the first public gathering of men and women ever held in Wilmington in the interest of the suffrage cause.

With a view to arousing interest among the women of the city in the movement, Miss Watkins made a short talk yesterday before the members of North Carolina Sorosis and requested the use of their club rooms on North Third street in which to make an address to the women of the city this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Her request was granted and the meeting will be held at the hour named.

Although up to this time, no effort has been made to organize a branch of the State Suffrage League here, Miss Watkins states she is confident that there must be some considerable sentiment in Wilmington in favor of the movement. She pointed out that Asheville, Greensboro, Charlotte and practically all cities of the size of Wilmington have well-organized leagues. While the meeting this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Sorosis club rooms is for women only, the meeting tonight is for both men and women, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

DUTIES SHOW AN INCREASE

Receipts for Wilmington Customs District for November—Exports.

The receipts of the Wilmington customs district for November were $135,024.27 as compared with $133,967.06, these being duties on imported goods. While the receipts show an increase there was a falling off in exports. The exports for October amounted to $984,000 and for November they were $648,906.

WARNS OF EPIDEMICS HERE

Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, Health Officer, Urges Greatest Care Against Measles and Whooping-Cough.

In issuing a warning yesterday concerning the dangers of coughs and colds among children during the coming winter, Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health office, declared that Wilmington is due to have an epidemic of measles of whooping cough this winter unless the greatest care is exercised in the home of the city. He added that either are more dangerous to life than typhoid or diphtheria.

"We are due during the present winter and coming spring to have epidemics of whooping cough and measles in Wilmington," he said, "and cases are already beginning to appear among the children of the city.

"These two diseases are the most difficult of all diseases to control because both are highly contagious in the very early stages, even before the child becomes noticeably ill.

"The danger lies in mothers permitting children to attend public gatherings and schools during the early stages of these diseases. If a child has even the slightest symptom of a cough, cold or sore throat it should be kept at home and away from other children until it is definitely determined what is the matter with the child. A physician should be called in to make this determination.

"Measles and whooping cough are really very dangerous to young children. Each of these two diseases is as destructive to life in the United States as typhoid fever and more destruction than diphtheria.

"The popular idea that these diseases are necessarily incident to childhood is the most dangerous form of ignorance with which we have to deal. Thousands of deaths occur among children from pneumonia and other results of measles and whooping cough infection that have been caused directly by ignorance and carelessness of parents.

"If Wilmington is to escape epidemics of these diseases during the coming winter, the greatest care must be exercised. The most important part of the care must be experienced in the homes.

"The Health Department is planning to keep strict watch over places of amusement and schools, but it must depend on parents to keep little children under close surveillance at all times, and especially when they show any signs whatever of cold in the head, coughs or sore throat."

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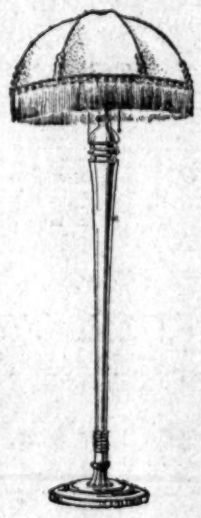

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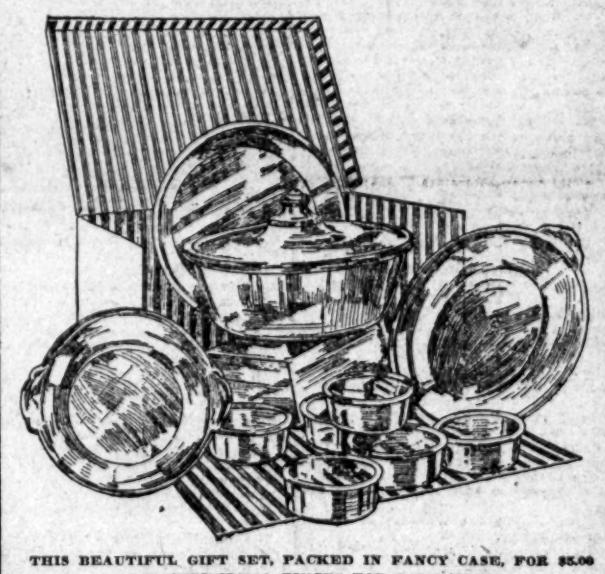

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

HEAVY DECLINE IN COTTON

Market Shows Renewed Nervousness, the General List Closing at a Net Loss of 19 to 24 Points.

New York, Dec. 7.—Yesterday's improvement was followed by renewed nervousness in the cotton market today and after selling up to 20.65 May broke to 20.37 and closed at that figure. The general list closed easy at a net decline of 19 to 24 points.

The market opened at a decline of 4 to 7 points and sold 12 to 13 points net lower shortly after the call, in response to disappointing cables. Offerings appeared to have been pretty well absorbed on the decline to 20.61 for January and 20.26 for March, and after the close of Liverpool support became more aggressive. The buying was encouraged by the continued bullish average of Southern spot prices and reports that a Chicago authority had estimated the crop at 10,689,000 bales excluding linters and the yield of linters at 900,000 bales. But after selling up to 20.18 for January and 20.44 for March or about 4 to 6 points net higher, demand tapered off and the market weakened under liquidation and increased local offerings. Sentiment seemed to be unsettled by rumors of an unfavorable term in the submarine situation and stop orders were uncovered on the afternoon break to 19.90 for January and 20.15 for March. The lowest level of the day was reached in the late trading with the general list showing net losses of 22 to 24 points.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	19.98	20.00	19.83	19.77
Jan.	20.10	20.18	19.90	19.90
March	20.34	20.44	20.16	20.16
May	20.55	20.65	20.37	20.37
July	20.58	20.65	20.40	20.40
Oct.	18.52	18.60	18.37	18.39

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands 20.05; sales 500 bales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 19.63; receipts 4,247; exports 21,220; sales 1,715; stock 481,689.

Galveston—Middling 20.00; receipts 11,646; sales 3,047; stock 420,637.

Mobile—Middling 19.63; receipts 504; stock 20,739.

Savannah—Middling 20.25; receipts 2,650; exports 3,322; stock 214,626.

Charleston—Middling 19.75; receipts 1,117; sales 100; stock 84,980.

Wilmington—Middling 19 5-8; receipts 175; stock 46,665.

Norfolk—Middling 19.63; receipts 5,021; exports 710; sales 624; stock 98,917.

Baltimore—Stock 8,238.

Boston—Middling 20.15; receipts 1,065; exports 1,068; stock 7,400.

Philadelphia—Middling 20.30; stock 1,443.

New York—Middling 20.05; receipts 288; exports 2,707; stock 145,080.

Minor Ports—Receipts 3,147; exports 7,754; stock 56,738.

eTtal today—Receipts 29,854; exports 37,379; stock 1,567,412.

Total for week—Receipts 224,045; exports 109,324.

Total for season—Receipts 4,291,481; exports 2,589,979.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 19.80; receipts 17,730; shipments 21,638; sales 2,421; stock 282,754.

Memphis—Middling 20.00; receipts 8,097; shipments 6,110; sales 525; stock 273,898.

Augusta—Middling 19.88; receipts 873; shipments 509; sales 861; stock 145,464.

St. Louis—Receipts 7,714; shipments 3,066; stock 29,587.

Cincinnati—Receipts 1,853; shipments 141; stock 22,004.

Little Rock—Middling 20.50; receipts 820; shipments 268; sales 268; stock 56,703.

Dallas—Middling 19.35; sales 3,981.

Montgomery—Middling 19.63.

Total today—Receipts 37,087; shipments 36,732; stock 810,410.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

Prices Decline on News of Unfavorable International Relations.

New Orleans, Dec. 7.—After showing steadiness around the middle of the session here today the cotton market declined sharply about $1.00 a bale under the fear of complications with Germany over the sinking of the Arabia. Much long cotton was thrown overboard on the fall and offerings of short cotton became liberal. The close was barely steady at a net loss of 15 to 20 points.

Around the opening the market lost 7 to 14 points as the result of poor cables. This decline was recovered and the strongest months went 1 to 4 points above yesterday's close following good spot accounts from the interior and a crop estimate putting the yield at only 10,689,000 bales. The tone was very steady and the market apparently was making for still higher levels when the political news became the dominating influence.

The ginning report tomorrow and the government estimate of the crop to be issued Monday restricted business. Closing bid:

Dec. 19.34; Jan. 19.45; March 19.76; May 20.00; July 20.27; Oct. 18.10.

Spot cotton steady and unchanged. Sales on the spot 695; to arrive 750; middling 19.63.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 7.—Although easier under persistent selling for the account of refiners and scattered liquidation on the weakness in cotton and lard, cotton oil made a good showing. Final prices were 2 to 11 points net lower. Sales 28,000 barrels.

Close easier: Spot 12.75 bid; December 12.79 to 12.80; January 12.73 to 12.74; February 12.69 to 12.70; March 12.66 to 12.68; April and May 12.69 to 12.70; June 12.70 to 12.73; July 12.72 to 12.73.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Dec. 7.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal 5.69; molasses 4.82; refined steady.

Coffee—Spot dull; Rio 7s, 9 1-4; Santos 4s, 10 3-8.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Dec. 7.—Beeves, no trading. Calves, steady; veals 10.00 to 14.50; culls 9.00; yearlings 4.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; sheep, ewes 5.00 to 7.50; culls 3.50; lambs 11.25 to 12.25; culls 8.50 to 9.00.

Hogs—No trading.

COTTON GINNED IN STATE

Director of the Census Rogers Announces Amount for Each County Up to November 21.

Washington, Dec. 7. — Director Sam. L. Rogers, of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announces the preliminary report of cotton ginned by counties in North Carolina for the crops of 1916 and 1915. The report was made public for the State generally at 10 a. m. on Tuesday, November 21. The quantities given are in running bales, counting round as half bales, linters not being included.

County:	1916.	1915.
Alexander	564	676
Anson	12,375	18,780
Beaufort	8,416	6,324
Bertie	8,415	6,352
Bladen	4,572	6,529
Cabarrus	4,780	8,527
Camden	1,166	2,017
Catawba	2,001	3,651
Chatham	4,076	4,328
Chowan	4,862	2,990
Cleveland	7,567	15,858
Columbus	3,556	6,323
Craven	4,928	4,126
Cumberland	11,823	12,305
Davidson	562	595
Davie	673	540
Duplin	7,979	7,306
Durham	342	318
Edgecombe	20,472	16,740
Franklin	9,200	8,394
Gaston	2,482	5,719
Gates	3,483	2,411
Greene	7,600	7,159
Halifax	21,536	17,785
Harnett	13,316	13,296
Hertford	2,884	1,559
Hoke	6,637	10,106
Iredell	3,123	5,581
Johnston	27,110	26,725
Jones	4,222	4,322
Lee	3,252	3,870
Lenoir	10,108	8,472
Lincoln	1,946	3,810
Martin	6,371	5,848
Mecklenburg	8,928	17,598
Montgomery	1,983	2,761
Moore	1,284	2,026
Nash	18,279	15,428
Northampton	12,248	8,690
Onslow	3,881	3,975
Orange	559	480
Pamlico	4,674	4,442
Pasquotank	4,392	2,824
Perquimans	6,739	4,738
Pitt	18,078	16,086
Richmond	7,204	11,512
Robeson	23,999	39,353
Rowan	2,805	3,846
Rutherford	8,677	6,756
Sampson	15,965	15,531
Scotland	14,025	23,749
Stanly	3,393	4,978
Union	15,571	20,186
Vance	3,396	2,451
Wake	16,951	16,553
Warren	8,868	7,285
Washington	2,255	1,861
Wayne	23,319	19,585
Wilson	17,577	25,442
All other	6,299	5,249
Totals	479,533	523,982

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MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Quito (Br.), 2,153 tons, Anderson, Aelx. Sprunt & Son.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 2,288 tons, Hollaach, Heide & Co.

Str Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—43¾.

ROSIN—$5.70 and $5.45.

TAR—$2.60-10½c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00 and $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 53c.; rosin, $5.55 and $5.45; tar, $2.30-9 1-2c.; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine ... 8
Rosin ... 73
Tar ... 82
Crude Turpentine ... 10

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 28 casks; rosin, 65 barrels; tar, 96 barrels; crude turpentine, 12 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—19¾c.; quotations same day last year, 11¾.

Receipts—175 bales; same date last year, 918 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 69,417 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 129,907 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

November 7, 1916.

Atlantic Coast Line—75 bales cotton; 4 casks spirits turpentine; 22 barrels rosin; 36 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—100 bales cotton; 46 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Addie Mae—5 casks spirits turpentine; 51 barrels rosin.

Total—175 bales cotton; 9 casks spirits turpentine; 73 barrels rosin; 82 barrels tar; 10 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 7.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 50c to 55c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$1.40 to $1.50 per bu.

CORN—$2.10 per sack.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22½; first class wool, 32 to 35; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

SHEEP—Old, goon quality, gross, 3 1-2 to 3c pound. Lambs, best quality, 6 to 7c pound.

HIDES—Green salt, 15c. to 16c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 23 to 25c.; sides and shoulders, 18c. to 19c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX — Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c to 50c; spring, 20c to 35c head.

EGGS—35c. to 36c. dozen.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 7.—Cotton goods were quiet and yarns were steady to firm today. Jobbers were less active but did a very steady trade. Wool goods were firm.

SLUMP IN STOCK MARKET

Possibility in Renewal of Strained Foreign Relations Has Bearish Effect—Early Activity.

New York, Dec. 7.—Reports suggesting a renewal of strained relations between the United States and Germany caused a slump of from 1 to 3 points on the stock market today, after the general list, with the exception of metals, had been active and strong during most of the session.

Dividends announced on the leading coppers were in excess of those declared three months ago, but the aggregate dividends of $3.50 on Utah proved disappointing.

Utah registered an extreme decline of 2, with 3 5-8 for Chile, while Chile 7 per cent bonds made an extreme loss of 6 points. Other moderately heavy stocks included motors, sugars, some of the recently active utilities, equipments and munitions, as well as marines.

There was a further extensive demand for secondary or reorganized railway shares, especially Wheeling and Lake Erie, Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Texas & Pacific, Toledo, St. Louis & Western, Southern Railway and Seaboard Air Line. Dealings in these stocks embraced fully one-third of the day's business.

Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies added another 5 1-2 points to its recent rise at the new level of 137 1-2, and Owens Bottle Machinery also made a new maximum of 105 with irregular gains in almost a score of other specialties.

United States Steel was less active and succumbed to the pressure of the later dealings, closing at a net loss of a point. Other shares of the same description also forfeited gains of the forenoon with high grade rails like Reading, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific, Louisville & Nashville and Illinois Central.

Bonds were heavy. Total sales, par value, $5,175,000. United States 2s advanced 1-4, the 3s 1-8, and 4s 1-2 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers	24½
American Beet Sugar	105½
American Can	62⅝
American Car and Foundry	77⅝
American Cotton Oil	53½
American Locomotive	90⅝
American Smelting	115⅝
American Sugar	115½
American Tel and Tel	128⅛
American Tobacco	220
American Zinc	60⅛
Anaconda Copper	93⅛
Atchison	105¼
Atlantic Coast Line	122½
Baldwin Locomotive	78¼
Baltimore and Ohio	86⅛
Bethlehem Steel	605
Canadian Pacific	167½
Central Leather	108⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio	70⅜
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	94⅛
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry	39⅝
Colorado Fuel and Iron	56⅞
Consolidated Gas	135¾
Corn Products	28⅝
Crucible Steel	85
Cuba Cane Sugar	67¼
Erie	38¾
General Electric	180⅝
Great Northern, pfd	117⅛
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	44
Goodrich	69
Illinois Central	107½
Inspiration Copper	69⅛
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	116⅝
International Nickel	47¾
International Paper	64
Kansas City Southern	27⅝
Kennecott Copper	57
Lehigh Valley	82½
Louisville and Nashville	135
Liggett and Meyers	B.290
Lorillard Co	B.234
Maxwell Motors	74⅝
Mexican Petroleum	108¾
National Lead	69
New York Central	107⅜
N. Y., N. H. and Hartford	57¾
Norfolk and Western	140½
Northern Pacific	111¾
Pennsylvania	56⅞
Ray Consolidated Copper	32
Reading	110⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	87⅝
Seaboard Air Line	17½
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	39 1-2
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	83¾
Studebaker Corporation	120½
Southern Pacific	99½
Southern Railway	31⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	69⅝
Tennessee Copper	B. 20½
Texas Co.	205
Union Pacific	145¾
United Fruit	160
United States Rubber	69¾
United States Steel	125⅝
United States Steel, pfd	121¾
Utah Copper	128¾
Virginia-Caro. Chem.	49½
Wabash, Pfd., "B"	32
Western Union	102⅝
Westinghouse Electric	63¾

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Hogs, weak, mostly 15c under yesterday's average; bulk 9.45 to 10.00; light 9.90 to 9.90; mixed 9.30 to 10.15; heavy 9.55 to 10.20; rough 9.55 to 9.70; pigs 7.00 to 8.80.

Cattle—Strong; native beef cattle 7.00 to 12.75; western steers 7.00 to 10.50; stockers 4.60 to 7.85; cows and heifers 3.85 to 10.25; calves 9.50 to 13.25.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 8.30 to 9.25; ewes 5.00 to 8.75; lambs 10.10 to 12.85.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 7.—North Carolina peanuts; new crop, farmers stock, fancy handpicked, $1.07; No. 1, machine, $1.00 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 66c; fancy handpicked, 60c; No. 1 machine picked, 55c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.30 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 7.—Spanish—Farmers' stock: Market, steady. New stock, $1.37½ per bu.

Virginias — Farmers' stock: Market firm.

New stock—Fancy Jumbo, 4 1-4c per lb.; Extra Prime, 3 3-4c per lb; Prime, 3 1-2c per lb; Shelling stock, 3c to 3 1-4c per lb.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

December 8, 1916.

Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 41 degrees; at 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 65 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees; mean, 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .00 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 2.6 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Fair and warmer Friday; Saturday rain, colder west portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 8, 1916.

Sun rises ... 7:06 A. M.
Sun sets ... 5:02 P. M.
Day's length ... 9 hrs. 57 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	8:55	9:10	3:39	4:17
Southport	7:00	7:11	12:34	1:19
Masonboro Inl	6:49	7:00	12:14	12:59

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 7, 1916.

STATIONS:	Temperature: Weather at 8 P. M.	Highest today.	Lowest Last Night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	cldy	72	60	.0
Asheville	pt cldy	64	28	.0
Atlanta	cldy	64	48	.0
Augusta	cldy	70	28	.0
Baltimore	clear	58	..	.0
Birmham	pt cldy	66	58	.0
Boston	clear	46	26	.0
Charleston	clear	64	48	.0
Charlotte	clear	64	44	.0
Chicago	rain	64	44	.66
Galveston	pt cldy	72	66	.0
Jaxville	pt cldy	72	58	.0
Memphis	pt cldy	70	62	.0
Mobile	pt cldy	64	62	.38
Montgomery	cldy	64	56	.02
N. Orleans	cldy	74	64	.06
New York	clear	50	36	.0
Oklahoma	clear	62	60	.0
Palestine	pt cldy	80	62	.02
Pittsburg	cldy	58	34	.0
Raleigh	clear	64	38	.0
Savannah	clear	72	52	.0
Shreveport	rain	74	64	.30
St. Louis	rain	64	50	.04
Washington	clear	58	32	.0

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Prices Drop on Possibility of Renewal of Submarine Problems.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Uneasiness about possible renewal of difficulties between the United States and Germany had a bearish effect today on wheat and emphasized weakness that resulted from a let-up in export demand. The close was heavy, 1 to 3 1-8c net lower, with May at 1.78 1-8 to 1.78 1-4, and July at 1.48 3-8 to 1.48 5-8. Other leading staples, too, all showed a set-back—corn 1 3-8 to 1 5-8; oats 5-8 to 1 1-4, and provisions 32 1-2 to 90.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.78 1-8; July 1.48 3-8.
Corn—May 93 1-8; July 93 3-8.
Oats—May 57 3-4; July 54 5-8.
Pork—January 26.75; May 26.05.
Lard—January 16.07; May 16.10.
Ribs—January 13.92; May 14.22.
Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red 1.80 1-8; No. 3 red nominal; No. 2 hard, nominal; No. 3 hard 1.81 1-4.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 95 3-4 to 96 1-2; No. 4 yellow 93 1-4 to 95 1-2; No. 4 white 84 to 95.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 7.—Spot cotton firm, good middling 12.29; middling 12.19; low middling 12.03. Sales 8,000 bales; 800 for speculation and export; receipts 20,000 bales.

Futures steady: December 11.96; December and January 11.95; January and February 11.99; February and March 12.04; March and April 12.10; April and May 12.14; May and June 12.18; June and July 12.18; July and August 12.18; August and September 11.85; September and October 11.35; October and November 11.20; November and December 11.18.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mercantile paper, 4 to 4 1-4 per cent; sterling, 60 day bills 4.71 1-2; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71 1-4; commercial 60 day bills 4.71; demand 4.75 3-8; cables 4.76 3-8. Bar silver 75 5-8; Mexican dollars 58 1-4; government bonds strong; railroad bonds easier. Time loans firm; 60 and 90 days and six months 4 per cent. Call money firm, ruling rate 4 1-2.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Dec. 7.—Turpentine firm, 49 3-4c; sales 263; receipts 225; shipments 1,562; stock 21,965.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,067; receipts 1,567; shipments 3,400; stock 93,166. Quote: A B C D 6.20; F, 6.20 to 6.22 1-2; G, 6.22 1-2 to 6.25; H, 6.25 to 6.30; I, 6.30; K, 6.30 to 6.40; M, 6.40 to 6.50; N, 6.75 to 6.80; WG, 7.00; WW, 7.20.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:40 A. M Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:15 A. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Mon., Wed. and Fri. only.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 3:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 62 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 85 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 84 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Sat. only.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

WEEK DAYS

EASTBOUND: Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter Park	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsville	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	WESTBOUND: Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	.....	6:15 A.M.	6:26 A.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	7:20 A.M.	7:31 A.M.
7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	.....	7:40 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	8:01 A.M.
8:00 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	.....	.....	8:30 A.M.	8:41 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
1:10 P.M.	1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	11:45 P.M.	1:50 P.M.	2:01 P.M.
1:55 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	.....	.....	2:25 P.M.	2:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:00 P.M.	3:11 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	.....	3:50 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:30 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	.....	.....	5:10 P.M.
4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

*Does not go beyond Station No. 3 on Beach. Leaves from Station No. 3.

SUNDAYS

EASTBOUND. Leave "electric Center." for Winter Park	Leave "electric Center." for Wrightsville	Leave "electric Center." for Beach	WESTBOUND. Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	Leave Winter Park for Wilmington
6:30 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	17:05 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	7:26 A.M.
8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	8:30 A.M.	9:15 A.M.	9:25 A.M.	9:36 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	1:00 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	1:45 P.M.	1:55 P.M.	2:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	2:45 P.M.	2:55 P.M.	3:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:15 P.M.	3:25 P.M.	3:36 P.M.
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6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	*6:40 P.M.	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	17:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
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.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

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FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
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$7.55—Norfolk, Va.
Account Southern Commercial Congress. Tickets will be sold Dec. 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, limited returning until Dec. 19.

$47.65—Havana, Cuba.
Account Christmas and New Year Holiday Excursion. Tickets, including meals and berth on steamship, will be sold Thursday, Dec. 21, limited returning until Jan. 7.

$38.10—New Orleans, La.
Account Annual Meeting Western Fruit Jobbers' Association. Tickets will be sold Jan. 27 and 28, limited Feb. 5.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the
ATLANTIC COAST LINE,
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'Phone 160.

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FORMALLY ACCEPTS THE PREMIERSHIP

David Lloyd-George Now British Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury.

KISSED THE KING'S HANDS

It Is Indicated That Within An Unexpectedly Short Time the Premier Will Have a New Administration Formed.

London, Dec. 7.—David Lloyd-George, at Buckingham Palace tonight, formally kissed the king's hands on his acceptance of the offices of prime minister and first lord of the treasury. This indicates that in an unexpectedly short time the new premier sees his way to the formation of an administration and he probably was able to submit to the king a tentative list of the principal proposed ministers.

Doubtless much remains to be done in the way of allocation of the new position, and so far as the public is concerned the personnel of the ministry is a matter of pure speculation. But the premier still has plenty of time before he has to meet parliament on Tuesday to complete details, and he will doubtless be in a position to present to the house of commons, his new national ministry, representing all parties with the possible exception of the nationalists and, if common report is to be trusted, comprising a strong business element. Misgivings felt last night regarding his chances of securing any continued support in parliament to a large extent have disappeared, mainly owing to the fact that he has been able to gain the support of the labor party by an offer of two ministerial posts and three under-secretaryships.

With the vote of the laborites, together with the bulk of the unionists and a large section of the liberals demanding more energetic prosecution of the war, Mr. Lloyd-George probably will command a working majority in the house of commons, while a further asset will be the benevolent neutrality, even of the supporters of the late cabinet in the national interests.

Possibly many parliamentary and ministerial traditions will be jettisoned but Mr. Lloyd-George has a reputation for courage and boldness and is not a great stickler for tradition. It is already apparent that the ministry will not, as was at first assumed to be a mere glorified war council of only a few members, but the ministry on the old lines, though much smaller than the Asquith administration. How Mr. Lloyd-George proposes to get over the difficulty of his own making, when he declared that the premier was too occupied to be able to preside over the war council, is still one of the problems unsolved.

ROANOKE, VA., GUN CLUB GETS THE SOUTHERN TOURNAMENT

New York, Dec. 7.—The Roanoke, Va., Gun Club was authorized to take charge of the 1917 Southern tournament of the Interstate Association for the Eucouragement of Trap Shooting at the 28th annual meeting of that body here today. The Grand American handicap tournament was awarded to the Southshore Country Club, Chicago; the Eastern shoot will be held at Hartford, Conn.; the Western shoot at St. Joseph, Mo., and the Pacific Coast shoot will be held at San Jose, Cal. The dates for the shoots will be announced later.

T. E. Doremus, Wilmington, Del., was re-elected president.

YALE BASEBALL TEAM TO PLAY TRINITY AND A. & M.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 7.—The baseball team of the University of Virginia will meet Yale on the latter's diamond here May 5, according to the Yale baseball schedule for 1917, made public today. The first game on Yale's Southern trip will be played with Trinity at Durham, N. C., April 5, and the next will be with the College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts at Raleigh, N. C., April 6. Other games will be played with the Catholic University at Washington, April 9, and the Georgetown University April 10.

BOTH LEGS BROKEN

Rock Hill, S. C., Dec. 7.—Bernice L. Powell, of Warsaw, N. C., suffered a serious accident yesterday in which the bones of both legs, just above the ankles, were crushed. Mr. Powell is time keeper for the Virginia Bridge company, which is reconstructing the steel spans in the Southern bridge across the Catawba. He was sitting on a car, his legs dangling over the side. The car was taking a siding to allow a freight a pass. A timber of a loaded flat car was protruding and this caught his legs, pinioning them against the car. The derrick had to be used so tightly did the timber jam.

SEEMS EVERYONE HEARD ABOUT IT

All Want to Try New Drug That Dries Up Corns So They Lift Out.

Good news spreads rapidly and druggists here are kept busy dispensing freezone, the recent discovery of a Cincinnati man, which is said to loosen any corn so it lifts out with the fingers.

A quarter of an ounce costs very little at any pharmacy, but is said to be sufficient to rid one's feet of every hard or soft corn or callous.

You apply just a few drops on the tender, aching corn and instantly the soreness is relieved, and soon the corn is so shriveled that it lifts out without pain. It is a sticky substance which dries when applied and never inflames or even irritates the adjoining tissue.

This discovery will prevent thousands of deaths annually from lockjaw and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

MAKES SWEEPING DENIAL OF BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY

Dr. Nesbitt Declares City Fully Responsible for Dumping Nuisance.

Sweeping denial of the remotest responsibility on the part of the Board of Health for the dumping of refuse into the river near the foot of Kidder street, concerning which complaint was made on Wednesday to City Council by Mr. C. C. Chadbourn, of the Chadbourn Lumber Company, is contained in a statement issued yesterday by Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer. When Mr. Chadbourn appeared before Council, City Attorney Robert Ruark advised him to lay the matter before the Board of Health.

Declining to have "the buck passed" to the board, Dr. Nesbitt places in his statement responsibility for the nuisance created by the refuse dumping squarely up to the city, declaring that the city had full control of the scavenger work and was therefore fully responsible for the efficient collection and disposal of same.

The chief features of Dr. Nesbitt's statement are that he has urged that a long pier be built into the river so that so that the refuse of surface closets might be dumped into deep water, that only a few days ago the health officer appeared before Council and pleaded for some relief for the citizens of Fifth ward who live near the dumping station, that Council was urged to abolish the fee charged for water and sewer connections and if possible assist the small property owners to install plumbing when they are financially unable to do so, that whenever a question of corporate responsibility arises with the city, the City Attorney takes refuge behind the special act of the Legislature consolidating Boards of Health, that in the abatement of nuisances the board has not full police power and can only present the matter to the courts and that its officers have no power to make arrests for violations of its regulations.

PETITION COURT TO PLACE THE FIRM IN BANKRUPTCY.

Several Creditors Start Proceedings Against Laurinburg Concern.

Alleging that the Planters' Trading Co., of Laurinburg, is insolvent and setting forth that the company has disposed of a tract of land and also of 300 bales of cotton to "hinder, delay and defraud its creditors," three Wilmington corporations have filed a petition in Federal court here asking that the concern be declared bankrupt. The papers in the case have been made returnable here on December 22 and at that time the answer of the defendants in the action will be made.

The petition is signed by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, who claim an indebtedness of $2,790.15; the Southern Cotton Oil Co., who allege an indebtedness of $8,825.54, and Mr. E. T. Taylor, agent for the Bryant Fertilizer Co., who set forth an indebtedness of $5,041.55.

It is declared in the petition that on October 18th the Laurinburg firm executed a deed conveying lands to R. L. Hammond and further that it sold 300 bales of cotton to John F. McNair, the Waverly Cotton Mills and the Dobson mills and that the proceeds were applied to pre-existing debts.

A petition has also been filed of a similar nature asking that Mr. F. C. McCormick, manager of the firm, be declared a bankrupt. The petitioners are represented by McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, of Lumberton.

FUNERAL OF MISS HODGES.

Services Were Held Yesterday Afternoon at Kennedy Home.

Funeral services for Miss Mary Rebecca Hodges, who died Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Catherine Kennedy Home, were held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home. The services were conducted by Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor of the Winter Park Presbyterian church.

Many beautiful floral tributes sent by friends and relatives attested in some measure to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment was made at Oakdale cemetery.

The following acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. T. G. Landen, J. W. Fleet, John T. Sholar and W. H. Schaefer.

WILL TAKE PART

Local Typo. Union Votes to Participate in Parade Tomorrow.

Wilmington Typographical Union No. 556 at its regular monthly meeting held last night voted to accept the invitation to participate in the parade which will feature the exercises tomorrow afternoon in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the new Federal building under construction here.

Messrs. J. H. Curtis, chairman; A. J. McLeod and Pal. Vaughn will constitute the committee, which was named to place some appropriate writing concerning the typographical union in the box which will be placed in the cornerstone.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 7.—James Clay Ward, of Paris, Ky., tonight was elected captain of the University of Virginia football team for 1917. In his three years on the eleven he has played at end, guard and tackle.

M'CORMICK IS GUEST AT THE WHITE HOUSE

(Continued from Page One.)

Walsh, Western Democratic manager Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic campaign; Gavin McNabb and F. J. Heney, of California, and Democratic and Progressive leaders from other states.

NEW YORK CITY WILL BID FOR CONVENTION

(Continued from Page One.)

Moore, John Clausen, W. S. Kies, Henry Ford, W. J. Bryan and many governors and foreign diplomats will address the sessions of the congress.

President Wilson is expected to attend on the opening day, next Monday, and to deliver an address.

Entertainment plans include the review of the entire Atlantic fleet and the fleets of the Department of Commerce, the fisheries commission and several vessels of the coast and geodetic survey inc luding the arctic exploration ship Roosevelt. Ashore there will be many entertainments and receptions. President Wilson will review a land parade of sailors, marines and military organizations on Monday, December 11, which has been designated as "Wilson Day."

Norfolk is decorated as at no other time in her history.

Dan'l Green Felt Slippers, all colors. Wilmington Shoe Co.
(advertisement.)

HANDSOME PRIZES ARE OFFERED FOR WINDOWS

Westinghouse Demonstrators are Meeting With Fine Success in Work

Announcement was made yesterday of three handsome prizes to be given for dressed show windows using electrical effects. The Tidewater Power Company offers a Westinghouse coffee percolator for the best lighted store. Mr. J. W. Blake will give an electric heater for the best lighted show window and Dixon & Kermon will give an electrical fixture for the most novel electric window display.

The committee appointed to award the prizes for the best decorated window display in the window trimming contest which is being conducted under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce will also award these prizes. Neither concerns offering the prizes nor the Southern Bell Telephone Company will compete for any of the prizes, although all of them have attractive window displays.

The crew of Westinghouse demonstrators are meeting with fine success in their house to house canvass in the city this week for the purpose of conducting demonstrations with household electrical devices. They will be in the city for the remainder of the week.

Mrs. Kelley is conducting demonstrations daily in the offices of the Tidewater Power Company. Coffee and tea prepared with electrical percolators are served to all callers. She will be in the offices today and tomorrow and the public is invited to call.

SUPERIOR COURT JURY GIVES VERDICT TO SAM BLOSSOM

Several Cases Were Disposed of Yesterday—Injunction Proceeding.

The Superior court jury in the case of Sam Blossom against Andrew Nixon, in which action was brought by the plaintiff for several months' rent of a tract of land near Castle Haynes, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff at the afternoon session yesterday.

Other cases disposed of included those of Shelby Lamp Works against J. O. Brock, in which judgment in favor of the plaintiff was given in the sum of $36.62 and interest from October 31, 1912, and that of National Electric Supply Company against J. O. Brock and others in which judgment was also given in favor of the plaintiff.

Just before court adjourned, counsel in the case of Marshall Shrier against the Wilmington Homestead Association, argued before Judge G. W. Connor at some length the question of whether an injunction should be granted in the case. At the conclusion of the argument, the court took the matter under advisement.

GREAT EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

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topic tonight, President Mullins closing the discussion with an address on "The Model Layman."

The Funston Resolutions.

That General Funston has made a name for himself in North Carolina, especially among Baptists, is manifest by frequent allusions to the controversy between him and Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, and by the following resolutions unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by the Baptist State Convention here yesterday, which were presented by Dr. High C. Moore, of Raleigh:

"Be it resolved by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in annual session, representing 2,161 white Baptist churches with a membership aggregating 277,800:

"1—That we register our most vigorous protest against the proscription of General Funston as arbitrary in assumption, tyrannical in application, totally un-American in spirit, and virtually, if not actually, violation of the constitution of the United States, which declares that 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the government for the redress of grievances.'

"2—That we re-assert the historic position of Baptists as in general against the slightest semblance of union between church and state, in particular against the introduction of militarism into the field of religion and also against any restriction whatsoever upon that liberty which guarantees alike to every religious denomination the right to hold and propagate its faith, and alike every individual the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience.

"3—That we most respectfully petition the President of the United States as commander-in-chief of the army, to set aside the conditions imposed by General Funston and to grant the request of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and of the Home Mission Board of the Sputhern Baptist Convention, and further to make known and magnify the fundamental fact that no officer of the army or navy has any right to officially act as a censor of theological doctrine or judge of Christian procedure.

"4—That we also petition North Carolina's representatives in the national Congress to introduce or support such measures as will result in a thorough investigation of the religious conditions of the navy and army generally and particularly of any limitations upon the efforts of evangelical churches in army camps or elsewhere; of any improper influence or partiality in the selection of chaplains or in the prescribing of religious services or ceremonies; and of any influence which may tend to prevent the utmost freedom of thought and conscience in the soldiers or sailors of America or their untrammelled right to worship God as they choose without let or hindrance.

"5—That certified copies of these resolutions be forwarded by registered mail by the president and secretary of this convention to Senator Simmons and Senator Overman and to each member of Congress from North Carolina and that a committee of five appointed by the president of this convention with himself as chairman, be requested to bear in person these resolutions to President Wilson."

Committees Appointed.

The following committees were appointed by President J. A. Oates to report at this session of the convention:

On Recommendations of the Mission Reports—C. H. Durham, J. Clyde Turner, R. L. Moore, Geo. T. Watkins, R. A. McFarland, J. B. Stroud, J. F. McDuffie, C. W. Scarborough, S. McIntyre, E. B. Earnshaw.

On Report of Board of Education—T. W. O'Kelly, Bruce Benton, D. L. Gore, W. L. Davis, W. H. Weatherspoon, M. L. Kesler, C. L. Greaves.

On Place and Preacher for Next Convention—J. A. Sullivan, W. H. Reddish, W. R. Cullom, Geo. J. Dowell, J. R. Morgan, A. W. Early, F. D. Hale.

To Nominate Board of Missions and Ministerial Relief Board—A. Johnson, J. O. Fulbright, C. L. Dowell, J. M. Page, M. A. Adams, C. W. Blanchard, L. G. Cole.

Calls for Volunteers.

Rev. J. A. Sullivan, of Wilmington, on Tuesday before the pastors' conference read a paper on "The Soul Winning Church," which struck a high note in personal evangelism. He called for 50,000 volunteers in North Carolina who will earnestly try to win one person to Christ during the year.

In his address on "Guarding the Deposit," Dr. Livingston Johnson, of Rocky Mount, declared that this is no time for a "pussy footed" ministry. It behooves the ministers to guard sacredly that which has been committed to them.

A tender incident occurred in connection with the next address, which was delivered by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, on "The Weekly Voice from Heaven." At the conclusion of this pungent address Dr. W. R. Cullom of Wake Forest called attention to the fact that Dr. Greaves was a native of this section and that the minister who discovered this young preacher a few years ago was present, and Rev. Josiah Elliot of Hertford, was asked to stand up. Six or seven other young preachers, among them Dr. J. T. Riddick, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Durham, arose, saying they also were Rev. Mr. Elliott's sons of the gospel.

WARNING!

It having been reported to me that certain people have been removing or taking away plants and flowers from the lots of owners in Oakdale cemetery, this is to warn all parties that they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, if the offenses are repeated.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
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Bank Building	480,000.00	Circulation	543,300.00
Bonds and other Securities	336,600.00	Special Deposit Bonds.	15,000.00
Liquidation Account, Southern National Bank	28,675.34	Acceptances	750,000.00
Customers' Liability Acceptances	750,000.00	Deposits	7,510,133.21
Cash and Due by Banks	2,810,611.76		
Total	$10,542,356.80	Total	$10,542,356.80

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